

Mendocino County Sheriff's Office

Press Release

(Title of Crime/Incident) 11379.6 H&S[Manufacture of Controlled Substance by Chemical Extraction]

Report Number: 2015-18869

Coroner Number:

Crime/Incident: 11379.6 H&S[Manufacture of Controlled Substance by Chemical Extraction]

Location: 40000 block of Mountain View Road Manchester, Ca

When: Date: 08-03-2015 **Time:** 8:30 AM

Victim Info :

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Victim #1:	People of the State			

Suspect Info:

	Name	Age	Street Address	City, State
Suspect #1:	Kenneth Elder	25		Manchester, Ca

Written by: Lieutenant Greg Stefani

Synopsis:

On 08-03-2015, at approximately 8:30 AM, Mendocino County Sheriff's Deputies, assisted by California Department of Fish Wildlife Wardens, served a search warrant at a residential property located in the 40000 block of Mountain View Road in Manchester, California.

Deputies located and eradicated 94 growing marijuana plants, and also seized another 18 pounds of processed marijuana.

Evidence was located at the scene indicating that a "Butane Honey Oil" laboratory was in operation at the location. In excess of 200 empty 300ml canisters of butane were located at the scene, along with additional items used in the BHO process.

(Butane Honey Oil [BHO] refers to the use of butane fuel to chemically extract the resinous THC [tetrahydrocannabinol] or hashish from marijuana.

Butane Honey Oil (BHO) extraction is an extremely dangerous activity due to the unconfined use of butane, a highly flammable and explosive substance which also contains harmful chemicals, which is allowed to vent into the atmosphere as part of the process.

Kenneth Elder was arrested for violation of 11379.6 H&S and booked into the Mendocino County Jail in lieu of \$50,000.00 bail.

Additionally, charges of cultivation and processing marijuana are being sought.

Approved By: Captain Greg Van Patten

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