

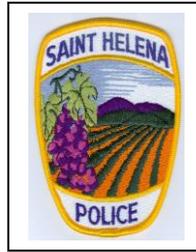
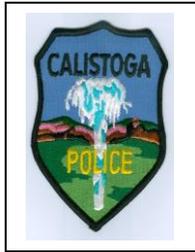
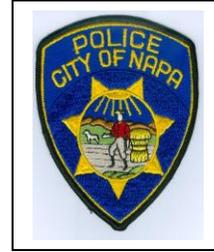
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Law Enforcement Code of Ethics

As a Law Enforcement Officer, my fundamental duty is to serve mankind; to safeguard lives and property; to protect the innocent against deception, the weak against oppression or intimidation, and the peaceful against violence or disorder; and to respect the constitutional rights of all men (and/or) persons to liberty, equality and justice.

I will keep my private life unsullied as an example to all; maintain courageous calm in the face of danger, scorn or ridicule; develop self-restraint; and be constantly mindful of the welfare of others. Honest in thought and deed in both my personal and official life, I will be exemplary in obeying the laws of the land and the regulations of my department. Whatever I see or hear of a confidential nature or that is confided to me in my official capacity will be kept ever secret unless revelation is necessary in the performance of my duty.

I will never act officiously or permit personal feelings, prejudices, animosities or friendships to influence my decisions. With no compromise for crime and with relentless prosecution of criminals, I will enforce the law courteously and appropriately without fear or favor, malice or ill will, never employing unnecessary force or violence and never accepting gratuities.

I recognize the badge of my office as a symbol of public faith, and I accept it as a public trust to be held so long as I am true to the ethics of the police service. I will constantly strive to achieve these objectives and ideals, dedicating myself before God to my chosen profession...law enforcement.

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NAPA SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

MISSION STATEMENT

MISSION: The primary mission of the Napa Special Investigations Bureau is to provide professional narcotics investigation and dedicate enforcement efforts toward identifying, apprehending and prosecuting illegal drug violators and traffickers in Napa County. NSIB is committed to directing available resources toward making Napa County safe while decreasing the debilitating effects of drug abuse upon our community.

GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The primary goals and objectives of the Napa Special Investigations Bureau are to work in conjunction with the participating agencies to effectively enforce the controlled substance laws to reduce street level and mid-level drug trafficking of controlled substances in Napa County. The Napa Special Investigations Bureau will also act as a resource to other local law enforcement agency members by facilitating the sharing of information on emerging trends and criminal activity. However, the primary goal of the Napa Special Investigations Bureau remains narcotic enforcement.

NSIB will accomplish the goals and objectives through:

- Developing and training officers to conduct effective drug investigations, making drug-related arrests, and prosecuting drug traffickers.
- Initiating successful investigations aimed at all levels of illegal drug traffickers, with a special emphasis and focus placed on the mid and upper level illicit drug traffickers (i.e., retailers, distributors, wholesalers, manufacturers and smugglers of controlled substances in Napa County).
- Conducting special enforcement efforts, focusing on “street level” traffickers and controlled substance users, in an effort to protect and promote the quality of life in Napa.
- Sharing drug and criminal intelligence with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.
- Developing, maintaining and ensuring harmonious and professional working relationships with all Napa County and allied law enforcement agencies, while promoting the effectiveness of the NSIB mission, its goals and objectives.
- Developing, utilizing and maintaining an aggressive and efficient use of all local, state and federal criminal and civil statutes, to ensure the maximum effectiveness.
- Initiating and conducting asset forfeiture, money laundering and financial investigations, aimed at drug traffickers, in an effort to disrupt their illegal financial profits.

NAPA SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU

OVERVIEW

The Napa Special Investigations Bureau was formally established on March 1, 1976, through a state grant funded by the California Office of Criminal Justice Planning. In 1979, the grant funding expired; however, Napa County and the Cities of Napa, St. Helena, and Calistoga opted to maintain the funding for NSIB, to continue illicit drug investigation and enforcement efforts.

NSIB continued to operate under the direction of a NSIB Governing Board comprised of the chief law enforcement administrators of participating law enforcement agencies. The agencies were the Napa County District Attorney's Office, the Napa County Sheriff's Office, Napa Police Department, St. Helena Police Department, Calistoga Police Department, the California Highway Patrol, and the Napa County Probation Department.

In 1988, the NSIB Governing Board and the California Department of Justice, Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (CA DOJ/BNE), entered into a Memorandum of Understanding, where, under the general administrative control of the NSIB Governing Board, BNE would assign a Special Agent Supervisor to assume the direct management of NSIB as the Task Force Commander.

In January 2000, the NSIB Governing Board unanimously agreed to include the Napa County Probation Department as a member of NSIB. In July 2011, the State of California de-funded BNE resulting in the loss of the BNE supervisor from the NSIB Task Force.

In January 2012, local participating agencies assumed NSIB's managerial and command duties. The Napa County Sheriff's Office initially assumed command managing the unit with a Lieutenant. In response, the Napa Police Department assigned a Sergeant to supervise the day-to-day operations.

In June 2013, the Napa County Sheriff's Office and Napa Police Department switched managerial and supervisory roles. The Napa Police Department assigned a Lieutenant to assume command and managerial responsibility for NSIB and the Napa County Sheriff's Office assigned a Sergeant to NSIB to supervise day-to-day operations.

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2014 STAFFING

The Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) personnel are assigned by the below participating Napa County law enforcement agencies. Agencies contribute personnel, investigative equipment, and appropriate funding for NSIB operations.

Napa County Sheriff's Office – One Sergeant, two Deputy Sheriffs, one extra-help Deputy, one Secretary (funded by the St. Helena and Calistoga Police Departments)

Napa Police Department – One Lieutenant and two Police Officers

California Highway Patrol – One Highway Patrol Officer

Napa Probation Department – Provides one Cal-EMA Probation Officer (60% commitment)

Napa County District Attorney's Office – One Cal-EMA Vertical Prosecutor for drug cases

St. Helena Police Department – Provides shared funding for the NSIB Secretary position

Calistoga Police Department – Provides shared funding for the NSIB Secretary position

NAPA SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU **DRUG ENFORCEMENT PROGRAMS**

During 2014, NSIB continued to conduct a number of operational programs. These programs emphasize the NSIB mission, its goals and objectives. These programs also ensure that investigative and enforcement activities are directed toward all levels of drug trafficking throughout Napa County.

AREA AGENT

All NSIB detectives are assigned liaison duties with specific geographic areas of responsibility (AORs) throughout Napa County. Detectives are encouraged to conduct investigations countywide but are tasked with serving as liaisons with particular agencies to best facilitate and foster cooperative relationships.

SUPERVISED RELEASE PROGRAM

NSIB assists the Napa District Attorney's Office, Napa County Adult Probation Department, and the California Department of Corrections Parole Unit, in a cooperative effort to coordinate and pursue intensive supervision of adult probationers and parolees. NSIB routinely conducts searches of persons who are on County Probation, State Parole, and Post-Release Community Supervision (PRCS) for various criminal felony offenses. Some individuals are career criminals or repeat offenders that are habitually involved in illegal drug activities. NSIB is committed to ensuring these offenders comply with the terms and conditions of their supervised release program. Repeat offenders found to be in violation of supervised release conditions or who are found to be in violation of the law are brought to the attention of the probation department and the district attorney's office for prosecution. During 2014, NSIB detectives conducted 34 supervised release and on view searches that resulted in numerous felony and misdemeanor arrests.

DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN (DEC) PROTOCOL

NSIB established a Drug-Endangered Children (DEC) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Napa County Child Welfare Services (CWS), Napa County District Attorney's Office, and Queen of the Valley Medical Center (QVMC). The purpose of the MOU is to ensure a collaborative and coordinated response between the criminal justice agencies, social services, and medical providers in support of children found in, or exposed to, dangerous drug environments. In 2014, NSIB invoked this protocol 6 times.

MARIJUANA ERADICATION

For the past several years, NSIB participated with the United States Drug Enforcement Administration's (US DEA) Domestic Cannabis Eradication & Suppression Program (DCE/SP) and the California Department of Justice's (CA DOJ) Campaign Against Marijuana Planting (CAMP) Program. DEA's DCE/SP provides a federal grant used to pay for aerial reconnaissance, equipment and overtime. CA DOJ's CAMP team provides operational assistance in eradicating large-scale illicit outdoor marijuana growing operations. In 2014, NSIB continued to participate in the DCE/SP and CAMP Programs.

ASSET FORFEITURE & FINANCIAL INVESTIGATIONS

NSIB's financial investigation and asset forfeiture program focuses on state and federal money laundering and asset forfeiture statutes. These laws facilitate the seizure of currency and property acquired through drug trafficking and manufacturing. NSIB, with the cooperation and assistance of the Napa County District Attorney's Office, aggressively pursues asset forfeiture seizures and/or criminal financial investigations in court against drug traffickers and money launderers.

NAPA SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU **TRAINING PROGRAMS**

NSIB is committed to the development of its personnel through training. New detectives are required to attend and complete several courses of instruction to provide the agent with basic, intermediate, and advanced levels of instruction related to drug investigation and enforcement.

In the past, CA DOJ sponsored the majority of the required and elective courses that Detectives and supervisors attended. Due to decreased funding, CA DOJ is no longer sponsoring or providing narcotics related instruction. The California Narcotics Officers' Association (CNOA) and Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigation (ICI), in cooperation with the California Peace Officer in Standards and Training (POST) have combined to offer the majority of the courses that Detectives and Supervisors attended in 2014.

Each new NSIB detective is required to complete the following courses:

ICI, Basic Narcotic Investigator Course	80 hrs
CNOA Informant Development Course	8 hrs
POST Search Warrant Course	16 hrs
CNOA Drug Endangered Children	8 hrs

During an assignment at NSIB, detectives also receive the opportunity to attend various elective courses of advanced training which include:

Rural Tactical Operations	40 hrs
CNOA Clandestine Labs, First Responder	8 hrs
CNOA/HIDTA Electronic Surveillance Certification	8 hrs
CNOA Drug Abuse Recognition	24 hrs
Basic Asset Forfeiture Course	8 hrs
CNOA Identity Theft and Meth Class	8 hrs
CNOA Medical Marijuana and Cultivation Investigation	8 hrs
CNOA Synthetic Drug Investigations	8 hrs

Additional training opportunities include:

Money Laundering Investigation Course	16 hrs
Search Warrant Tactical Entry Course	24 hrs
Drug Recognition Expert (DRE)	80 hrs
Advanced Asset Forfeiture Course	12-24 hrs

NSIB personnel also attend the California Narcotics Officers Association (CNOA) Annual Training Conference (24 hrs.)

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2014 DRUG ASSESSMENT & TRENDS

Fortunately, Napa County is relatively free from the traditional street dealer who normally sells drugs in neighborhoods from sidewalks, street corners, parks, school zones, and in business or residential districts. The most common illegal trafficker in Napa County is still the retail dealer. The retailer concentrates on providing drugs on a regular basis in order to provide a consistent source of supply for those individuals who are dependent or addicted. Retailers have been found in every city within Napa County and obtain their drugs from distributors.

The distributor-level traffickers detected in Napa County are the primary focus of many NSIB investigations. The distributor commonly supplies several retailers. Distributors, other than marijuana distributors, will most often obtain drugs from sources outside Napa County. Sources of supply include Solano, Contra Costa, Sonoma and Alameda Counties, the Central Valley and the Los Angeles area. Some distributors maintain close relationships with manufacturers or growers and are involved in an ongoing criminal enterprise to control large-scale drug operations.

A related criminal concern is the illegal laundering of drug proceeds through financial institutions or businesses derived from illegal drug trafficking. Through financial investigations, NSIB actively pursues and enforces financial statutes in an attempt to dissuade drug traffickers and their co-conspirators from laundering their illegal proceeds in Napa County.

NSIB directs its efforts toward all levels of illegal drug trafficking in Napa County. Napa County, along with other counties throughout the State of California, continues to struggle with the manufacturing/cultivation, use, sales, and trafficking of dangerous drugs. In 2014, Napa County saw a continuing trend wherein methamphetamine and marijuana investigations accounted for the majority of NSIB's time, energy and resources. Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTOs) continue to dominate the illicit large-scale distribution of methamphetamine and marijuana. While NSIB continues to direct its enforcement efforts and resources toward the source of all illegal drugs, we place an emphasis on methamphetamine because of the drug's dangerous and prolific nature. Through investigative means, NSIB has identified and disrupted several DTOs through arrests, prosecutions and asset forfeiture seizures.

METHAMPHETAMINE

Crystal methamphetamine, also known as "ice," presents the single biggest drug threat to the well-being and safety of our communities. All of the methamphetamine seized in



Napa County in 2014 was crystal meth. The addictive properties and behavioral changes caused by methamphetamine is cause for concern. Methamphetamine continues to be trafficked into our County from Mexico by way of Southern California, the Central Valley and through surrounding counties including Solano, Contra Costa, and Sonoma. Methamphetamine has crossed every gender, age, and cultural line in our community. In 2014, NSIB seized methamphetamine in approximately 64 cases and seized approximately 1,171.34 grams of methamphetamine.



MARIJUANA

In 2014, NSIB seized 22,407 grams (49.35 lbs) of processed marijuana, 15.4 grams Butane Honey Oil (BHO), and 59.7 grams Hashish. In 2014, NSIB conducted a number of investigations related to the cultivation of marijuana. Many of the investigations stemmed from citizen complaints of armed trespassers, water theft, and pungent odors in the area. In 2014, NSIB eradicated 62,613 marijuana plants illegally grown in Napa County, up from 25,555 in 2013. NSIB eradicated the vast majority of marijuana plants from illicit large-scale rural trespass



marijuana growing operations on privately owned lands. Evidence continues to suggest the landowners in most, if not all, of rural outdoor trespass growing operations had no knowledge of the presence of marijuana on their property.

In response to citizen complaints, NSIB continued to investigate residential marijuana growing operations to determine compliance with state law. No arrests were made, citations issued for mere possession of less than one ounce of marijuana, nor marijuana seized from any seriously ill people.

In 2014, NSIB seized marijuana in approximately 44 cases including, but not limited to, cultivation, possession for sale, sales, and manufacturing (butane honey oil – concentrated cannabis). Because of the complexity of the current marijuana laws and the way marijuana cultivators and distributors often hide behind the cloak of California’s Compassionate Use Act and Medical Marijuana Program (MMP), approximately nine (9) additional investigations were referred to the Office of the District Attorney’s Office seeking criminal complaints against numerous suspects.

A trend seen in Napa County, as well as throughout our region, is the increase in the number of Butane Honey Oil (BHO) Labs. BHO labs extract concentrated cannabis from marijuana leaves, once thought of as useless, through chemical synthesis using butane, a highly flammable solvent.

PHARMACEUTICALS (Rx)

In an emerging trend, the illicit sales and abuse of prescription painkillers and sedatives is an escalating cause for concern and presents a threat to the health and safety of our communities. In 2014, NSIB seized controlled pharmaceuticals in the form of pain killers, depressants, anti-anxiety meds, and other prescriptions in approximately 23 cases. Related sales and abuse appear to be increasing, particularly among young adults in our communities. Of concern, is the experiential assertion that abuse of pharmaceuticals will lead to resurgence in the use and abuse of heroin. This theory is predicated on the fact that many of the highly desired prescription painkillers are more expensive and harder to acquire than heroin, a substance that provides a similar high. Rx abusers often find the prescription pills too difficult and expensive to acquire. Pharmaceutical sources include young adults and middle age adults residing in and around the City and County of Napa, and surrounding counties.



SYNTHETIC DRUGS

Synthetic drugs arrived on our scene several years ago and are primarily abused by our youth and young adults. Spice, a trade name for synthetic cannabinoids marketed as an incense, gained popularity locally when our youth on probation and in diversion programs subject to drug testing learned smoking synthetic cannabinoids would produce a high similar to marijuana without testing positive for tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) reported spice abusers who have been taken to Poison Control Centers report symptoms that include rapid heart rate, vomiting, agitation, confusion, and hallucinations. Spice can also raise blood pressure and cause reduced blood supply to the heart (myocardial ischemia), and in a few cases it has been associated with heart attacks. Regular users may experience withdrawal and addiction symptoms.

Synthetic cathinones, known as “Bath Salts,” are another abused synthetic drug. According to NIDA, the synthetic cathinones in “Bath Salts” can produce euphoria and increased sociability and sex drive, but some users experience paranoia, agitation, and hallucinatory delirium; some even display psychotic and violent behavior, and deaths have been reported in several instances.

HEROIN

In 2014, Napa County experienced a low amount of heroin related arrests, seizing heroin in only 2 cases. NSIB seized 13.5 grams of heroin in 2014, compared to 2013’s seizure of 35.6 grams. Heroin use appears to be centered in the cities of American Canyon and Napa. Heroin continues to be a major problem for East Bay cities and comes in three forms; Mexican brown, China white, and Mexican black tar. Napa County continued to see black tar heroin primarily due to its regional availability. Heroin source areas include Solano and Contra Costa Counties.

Heroin is a depressant, and is psychologically and physically addictive. Heroin users predominately use a syringe to introduce the drug into the body although smoking it appears to be gaining popularity. A growing number of abusers appear to be turning to heroin from prescription painkillers, as heroin is often cheaper than prescription medications such as Oxycodone.



Napa County offers treatment programs for heroin addicts; however, it does not offer methadone. Napa

County officials believe that methadone is nothing more than a heroin substitute and officials believe that substituting one drug for another is not an effective treatment.

COCAINE

NSIB detectives seized 376.5 grams of cocaine hydrochloride (powder) in 2014, up notably from 2013’s seizure of 20 grams. In 2014, NSIB seized cocaine in approximately 13 cases. The demand for, and availability of, cocaine is increasing. NSIB continues to carefully monitor cocaine-related seizures and arrests, in an attempt to mitigate resurgence in the supply of cocaine. Sonoma and Solano Counties continue to serve as source areas for cocaine.



NSIB rarely seizes cocaine base, known as “crack” or “rock”.

AGENCY ASSISTS

During 2014, NSIB assisted participating and allied agencies in a number of homicide, violent crime and stolen property investigations by providing investigative support, surveillance and assisting in enforcement actions.

2014 SIGNIFICANT NSIB CASES

FROM NSIB GOVERNING BOARD REPORTS

NC2014-00002

In January 2014, NSIB detectives were following up on known local criminal offenders. During their follow up, detectives contacted a 41 y/o male, parolee from Napa and a 43 y/o female from Fairfield at a storage facility located in the 200 block of Devlin Road in Napa County. The female had been arrested by the Napa County Sheriff's Office in early December 2013 for burglary and again in mid-December 2013 for possession of stolen property. During the course of the contact the female was found to be in possession of almost a 1/2 ounce of methamphetamine (meth) and a meth pipe. The quantity of meth seized was enough to impair over 100 people. NSIB detectives then conducted a parole search of a male's residence in the 3200 block of Cuttings Wharf Road in Napa County, and seized a small amount of meth and another meth pipe. The female was arrested for possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia, and committing a felony while out on bail/OR, and was booked into the Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC). The case against the male was forwarded to the District Attorney's Office for review.

NC2014-00003

In January 2014, NSIB detectives developed information that a 51 y/o male who had recently moved from Solano County to Napa County was involved in selling meth in our community. NSIB detectives were able to locate the male living at an address with his girlfriend in the 1000 block of Von Brandt Street in Napa and initiated an investigation. Both the male suspect and his girlfriend have extensive arrest records and were on probation. During the course of the investigation an undercover NSIB detective was able to meet the male suspect. The NSIB detective learned the male was interested in trading meth for a gun. NSIB detectives conducted an undercover operation in a commercial area in the 200 block of Soscol Avenue, City of Napa. During the undercover operation, the NSIB detective met with the male suspect who possessed meth that he intended to exchange for a gun. NSIB detectives, with the assistance of the Napa Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit (SEU), moved in and arrested the male suspect for sales of meth. He was found to be in possession of meth and almost \$500 in cash, which detectives seized pursuant to asset forfeiture statutes.

NSIB detectives and SEU officers returned to the residence the male suspect was sharing with his girlfriend on Von Brandt Street and conducted a probation search. As a result of the arrest and probation search, NSIB detectives seized over two ounces of meth, enough to impair almost 800 people. NSIB detectives arrested the male suspect for sales of meth, possession of meth for sale, and violating probation. Detectives arrested the male's girlfriend for possession of meth for sale, being under the influence of a controlled substance, and violating probation. Both were booked into NCDC without incident.

NC2014-00004

In January 2014, NSIB detectives were conducting surveillance in the area of the 1500 block of Seymour and First Streets in Napa looking for a 44 y/o male who was wanted on an outstanding arrest warrant from Solano County. During the course of the surveillance, detectives contacted another individual leaving the residence they were watching. A short time later, the suspect was spotted attempting to evade capture by running out of the back of the house. Detectives took the

male suspect into custody approximately 1/2 block away on Second Street without further incident. Search incident to arrest yielded a prescription narcotic painkiller for which the male had no prescription. NSIB detectives booked the suspect into NCDC.

NC2014-00005

In January 2014, NSIB detectives conducted a probation search of a 33 y/o male and his residence in the 700 block of 3rd Street in Napa. During the course of the probation search, detectives contacted the probationer's 26 y/o girlfriend. As a result of the contact the probationer's girlfriend was arrested for possession of meth, possession of a meth pipe and committing a felony while out on bail/OR, and booked into NCDC. The investigation will be forwarded to the Napa County Probation Department and District Attorney's Office for review related to the male probationer.

NC2014-00006

In January 2014, following up on neighborhood complaints of drug activity, NSIB detectives initiated an investigation into the activities of a 68 y/o male residing in the 2300 block of Bueno Street in Napa. As a result of the investigation detectives secured a search warrant for the male and his residence. Detectives served the search warrant and seized meth packaged for sale and packaging materials. Detectives arrested the male for possession of controlled substances for sale, and a 33 y/o male transient who had been staying at the residence, for two outstanding arrest warrants. Both the resident and the transient visitor were booked into NCDC.

NC2014-00007

In January 2014, NSIB developed information that a 23 y/o female home healthcare professional for the elderly, may be violating her probation by using meth. NSIB detectives conducted a probation search on the female probationer at her residence in the 100 block of Fairview Drive in Napa. As a result of the probation search the female was found to be in possession of meth and hypodermic syringes, consistent with those used to inject meth. Detectives arrested the female without incident for possession of meth, possession of hypodermic syringes, and violation of probation. The female was booked into NCDC without incident. NSIB notified her employer of the arrest.

NC2014-00015

During the months of January and February 2014, NSIB was investigating allegations of meth-related criminal activity involving specific residents at a home in the 2400 block of Pacific Street in Napa. During the course of the investigation, NSIB detectives secured a search warrant for the home and its residents. Detectives served the search warrant with the assistance of detectives with the Napa County Sheriff's Office. Seized during the service of the search warrant was a usable quantity of meth, glass meth pipes used to smoke the drug, and syringes commonly used to inject meth.

Two stolen mountain bikes, a Cannondale Jekyll valued at \$1,900 and a Specialized Rockhopper valued at \$1,300, were found in the backyard of the residence along with a stolen Napa Valley Register Newspaper stand. Both bicycles were determined to have been stolen from visiting out-of-state tourists. The newspaper stand was later determined to have been stolen from the area of Redwood Road and Linda Vista Avenue. NSIB detectives recovered and returned the bicycles to

the tourists. The Napa Valley Register's newspaper stand is being processed for evidence and will be released to the company.

The 42 y/o female resident and her 41 y/o female tenant were both arrested at the house and booked into NCDC without incident. The resident was arrested and booked for possession of meth, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of stolen property. The tenant was arrested and booked for possession of drug paraphernalia and committing a crime while out on bail/OR (pending an unrelated Napa County felony theft case).

The tenant's 43 y/o husband was not home at the time of the search. A Napa Police Officer later located and contacted him in the City of Napa. NSIB detectives responded, met with and interviewed the male before arresting him for possession of stolen property and booked him into NCDC without incident.

NC2014-00021

In February 2014, NSIB detectives were out proactively looking for drug violators. While driving by a house in the 2500 block of Butte Street in Napa, detectives saw a male drug offender known to be on probation with search terms, standing in the driveway with another male, later identified as a Marin County probationer. When the resident and his visitor saw the NSIB detectives approaching both fled through the open garage into the probationer's backyard. NSIB detectives chased both into the backyard and saw the resident throw a baggie over his side yard fence before giving up. The baggie was recovered and found to contain meth and Oxycodone, a Schedule II controlled substance. The probationer was detained without further incident.

The visiting probationer continued running and crawled over the fence in an effort to avoid detention. Responding officers set up a perimeter and found him hiding in the bushes, approximately 5' from a glass meth pipe, on the onramp to northbound SR-29 at Lincoln Avenue and arrested for resisting and obstructing an officer and possessing drug paraphernalia. The Marin County probationer was booked into NCDC for the aforementioned offenses.

NSIB detectives conducted a probation search at the Napa probationer's residence and recovered a stolen laptop computer and another glass meth pipe from the garage. The Napa County probationer was arrested for possession of meth, possession of Oxycodone, possession of stolen property, possession of drug paraphernalia, and violating his terms and conditions of probation and booked into NCDC.

NC2014-00029

In February 2014, NSIB developed information that a 23 y/o Napa transient was involved in selling controlled and prescribed pain pills in the City of Napa. NSIB initiated an undercover investigation which resulted in the primary suspect agreeing to sell twenty 30-mg Oxycodone pills to the undercover NSIB detective for \$500.

Suspect #1, Suspect #2, a 23 y/o Napa resident, and Suspect #3, a 53 y/o Vacaville resident, arrived in the parking lot of a fast food restaurant in the 3200 block of Jefferson Street. The suspects arrived to meet the undercover NSIB agent in a van, driven by Suspect #3, used to transport patients to dialysis appointments. During meeting with the undercover NSIB agent, Suspect #1

produced 20 Oxycodone tablets for sale. NSIB detectives and law enforcement officers moved in and detained the three suspects. Suspect #1 was subsequently arrested for sales of a controlled substance and conspiracy to commit a criminal act. Suspect #2 was determined to be acting as a lookout during the drug deal and was arrested for possession of a controlled substance for sale and conspiracy to commit a criminal act. Suspect #3 is believed to be the source of supply and was arrested for possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of a usable amount of meth, possession of a meth pipe, and conspiracy to commit a criminal act. All three were booked into NCDC on their respective charges.

A total of 126 Oxycodone pills were seized along with a residual amount of meth and a meth pipe. Oxycodone, depending on formulation, sells on the street for \$1 per milligram. The estimated street value of the seized Oxycodone pills is \$3,780.

NC2014-00008

During the months of January through March 2014, NSIB detectives culminated an investigation alleging marijuana cultivation and sales in Napa and Sonoma Counties with the arrests of a married couple who own homes in both counties. Detectives are still looking for two outstanding suspects wanted for growing marijuana for sale at the arrested couples' Napa County home.

NSIB detectives were investigating allegations that marijuana was being grown for the purposes of sale at a home in the 1600 block of Foothill Boulevard in Calistoga, Napa County. As the investigation progressed detectives learned the married homeowners also owned a residence in the 8100 block of Louisa Way in Windsor, Sonoma County, and were associated with a third residence in the 200 block of Merner Drive in Windsor. Detectives developed probable cause to believe marijuana was being cultivated at all three homes and obtained search warrants.

NSIB detectives served the search warrants at all three homes. At the suspects' primary residence on Louisa Way in Windsor detectives seized 58 growing marijuana plants, 26 lbs. of processed marijuana, ammunition, and additional evidence of drug sales. Detectives also seized over \$2,800 cash in suspected drug proceeds pursuant to asset forfeiture statutes. Detectives learned Suspect #1 was employed at a Sonoma County marijuana storefront as a marijuana grower but determined the marijuana seized at his residence was possessed for purposes of sale and profit and separate from the storefront. Detectives released both suspects pending the outcome of their investigation.

At the suspects' Calistoga home in the 1600 block Foothill Boulevard, detectives seized 370 growing marijuana plants from an elaborate indoor growing operation and over \$4,900 cash in suspected drug proceeds pursuant to asset forfeiture statutes. Detectives contacted and interviewed Suspect #3 and #4, both of whom lived at the home. Detectives released both Suspects #3 and #4 pending the outcome of the investigation.

At the home in the 200 block of Merner Drive in Windsor, detectives located a small indoor growing operation. Detectives determined the marijuana being grown at the Merner Drive address was for personal use by the resident and did not seize any evidence.

Upon concluding the investigation NSIB detectives presented the case to the Napa County District Attorney's Office who filed charges against all four suspects for cultivation of marijuana and

possession of marijuana for sale in violation of Health and Safety code 11358 and 11359, respectively. Additionally, based on Suspect #1's criminal record, he was also charged with being an ex-felon being in possession of ammunition.

In March 2014, NSIB detectives arrested Suspects #1 and #2 in Windsor on the outstanding arrest warrants and booked them into the Sonoma County Jail. On the same day, detectives learned both Suspects #3 and #4 had moved out of the home in the 1600 block of Foothill Boulevard in Calistoga. Both are wanted on outstanding \$50,000 arrest warrants.

NC2014-00042

In March 2014, NSIB detectives contacted a 25 y/o Napa resident in front of his residence in the 100 block of Elodia Court for the purposes of conducting a probation search. During the search of his bedroom detectives seized a usable quantity of meth, a meth pipe, well over a 100 prescription pills including many Schedule II controlled narcotic painkillers, and related evidence showing evidence of selling the prescription pills.

The probationer was arrested for possession of meth (HS11377), possession of controlled substances for sale (HS11351), possession of drug paraphernalia (HS11364) and violating the terms and conditions of all four of the cases he is on probation for (PC1203.2).

NC2014-00050

In April 2014, NSIB conducted a probation search on a suspect in the 300 block of Circle Oaks Drive in Napa County. Seized pursuant to the probation search were prescription narcotic pills, a usable amount of meth, ammunition, glass meth pipes, needles, drug paraphernalia, and evidence that the probationer was illegally stealing power from PG&E. The probationer and his associate were arrested for theft of utility services and drug-related offenses. The male probationer was also arrested for violating terms & conditions of his probation. Evidence from the case showed the probationer previously had an illicit marijuana grow at his residence. Both were booked into NCDC.

NC2014-00051

In late March 2014, the Napa Police Department (NPD) responded to a report of shots fired in the 1300 block of Pueblo Avenue. It was later determined that the suspect (S-1) reportedly shot at a victim who was seated in a vehicle in a trailer park before fleeing the area. That evening, NPD officers located and arrested S-1. After S-1 was arrested, Detectives with NPD and NSIB interviewed him. Detectives learned S-1 obtained the firearm used in the shooting from S-2. Detectives further learned S-2 was reportedly in possession of an AR-15 assault rifle and body armor, and that he was wanted on an outstanding felony arrest warrant. The arrest warrant stemmed from a previous unrelated NPD case in February 2014 wherein an NPD patrol officer arrested S-2, an ex-felon, for weapons, drug, and child endangerment-related charges. S-2 posted bail and then failed to appear resulting in the issuance of a \$150,000 felony arrest warrant.

In early April 2014, NSIB detectives employed a number of traditional and electronic surveillance techniques to locate S-2. NSIB detectives were able to locate S-2's vehicle at a trailer in the 200 block of Hoff Road in Kenwood, Sonoma County, and initiated surveillance.

NSIB contacted and briefed the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) Patrol Bureau and SWAT Team on our presence and the event. While NSIB detectives watched the trailer S-2 was hiding in, another NSIB detective authored a Sonoma County Search and Steagald Warrant for S-2 and the trailer for his person and firearms.

After watching the trailer for almost 12 hours waiting for S-2 to leave the trailer so NSIB detectives could arrest him without forcing an armed confrontation, NSIB turned the tactical portion of the operation over to SCSO's SWAT team. SCSO SWAT requested the assistance of the Napa County Sheriff's Office (NCSO) SWAT team and their armored vehicle. Just before midnight, SCSO and NCSO's SWAT teams arrived on scene and surrounded the trailer.

After evacuating neighbors, SCSO attempted to establish communications with S-2. S-2 refused to come out of the trailer and held a female victim hostage. SCSO requested a Spanish speaking negotiator. A Spanish-speaking NSIB detective, who also serves as an NPD Crisis Negotiator, volunteered and communicated with S-2 for hours in an effort to convince him to release the hostage and surrender. During the negotiations, S-2 confessed to committing a kidnapping and alluded to his involvement in more serious crimes. After negotiating with S-2 for hours, a Spanish speaking SCSO negotiator was introduced into the negotiations and the NSIB detective was relieved but remained on scene to serve as a relief translator and provide context and insight into negotiations. Later in the negotiations, S-2 admitted to his involvement in a recent homicide.

As the standoff continued, NPD and Santa Rosa Police Department (SRPD) SWAT Teams relieved SCSO and NCSO SWAT teams.

S-2 later released the female kidnapping victim and then, after firing on law enforcement officers, died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound. That incident was investigated by a Sonoma County law enforcement agency pursuant to their protocol.

Due to case developments and S-2's admitted involvement in a kidnapping and homicide, the investigation was turned over to the Napa and Sonoma County Sheriff's Offices' Investigations Bureaus.

NSIB detectives assisted NCSO detectives with following up on S-2's statement about his involvement in a Napa County homicide.

The following morning, NSIB and NCSO detectives found the body of a homicide victim in a creek bed in the 1700 block of Sage Canyon Road in rural Napa County.

This collaborative investigation highlights the strength and efficacy of teamwork.

NC2014-00057

In April 2014, NSIB concluded a drug investigation in the City of Napa with the service of a search warrant on a male suspect at his residence in the 30 block of DeWitt Avenue. As a result of the search warrant detectives seized both cocaine and meth packaged for sale and over \$11,000 cash in suspected drug proceeds. The currency was seized pursuant to asset forfeiture statutes. The suspect was booked into NCDC on drug charges.

NC2014-00058

In April 2014, NSIB detectives received a call from a property owner in the 2500 block of Pope Valley Road in Pope Valley. The property owner advised that someone was trespassing and growing marijuana on his property. NSIB detectives responded to the scene, contacted a male suspect and located 21 marijuana plants. After determining the facts of the case, NSIB eradicated the plants and arrested the male suspect whom they booked into NCDC.

NC2014-00059

In April 2014, a Napa County Patrol Deputy arrested a male suspect for transportation and possession of marijuana for sale after contacting him near Calistoga in possession of approximately 5 lbs. of marijuana. NSIB detectives responded and assisted with the follow up investigation. As a result, NSIB detectives obtained a search warrant for two residences in Clear Lake, Lake County related to the suspect. On the same day NSIB detectives, with the assistance of Lake County law enforcement, served the search warrant at both residences where they seized evidence supporting the allegation that the marijuana was possessed by the initial suspect for the intent to sell it. Additionally, NSIB detectives seized 169 marijuana plants, evidence related to a clandestine butane honey oil (BHO) lab, a .45 semi-auto pistol, .12 gauge shotgun, an assault-type rifle, and a large amount of ammunition. NSIB's investigation was referred to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

NC2014-00061

In April 2014, NSIB detectives contacted and searched a Napa parolee in American Canyon shortly after he visited his Parole Officer in Vallejo. The parolee was found to be in possession of meth for sale. Evidence recovered at the time of the search showed the meth was possessed for sale. In a Mirandized interview, the parolee subsequently confessed to possessing the meth for sale and was then booked into NCDC.

NC2014-00066

In April 2014, NSIB investigated allegations that a 36 y/o Fairfield resident had been trafficking meth into Napa County. The investigation concluded when NSIB detectives conducted a car stop on a vehicle driven by the suspect as he drove across SR-12 through Jamieson Canyon into Napa County. Detectives searched the suspect and his vehicle pursuant to the search warrant resulting in the seizure of a usable amount of meth wrapped in a dollar bill on the passenger seat and approximately 1 ounce of meth hidden in a paint can in the bed of the truck. The ounce of meth has an estimated street value of \$800. Detectives also seized over \$600 in cash from his person and seized the money as suspected drug proceeds.

Detectives arrested the suspect before serving the search warrant at his residence in the 1400 block of Driftwood Circle in Fairfield. While searching another of the suspect's vehicles at his residence, detectives seized 3 more bags, each containing approximately 1 ounce of meth. Total estimated value of the meth seized is \$3,200. The suspect was booked into NCDC.

NC2014-00075

In May 2014, NSIB detectives served a search warrant at the home of a 59 y/o Napa resident in the 1100 block of Peartree Lane. NSIB detectives recovered 12.5 grams meth, packaging, scales, a

meth pipe, a .410-gauge shotgun, and two pill bottles containing suspected meth residue. The suspect was released on scene pending the outcome of the investigation.

NC2014-00083

In May 2014, NSIB detectives served a search warrant at the home of a 43 y/o Napa resident in the 2400 block of Pacific Ave. During the search, detectives located 6 grams meth all split into ten separate baggies, sales-related text messages, and a meth pipe. The suspect was arrested for possession of meth for sale.

NC2014-00084

In May 2014, NSIB detectives served a search warrant at a residence in the 20 block of Cassayre Drive in American Canyon. NSIB seized 115 marijuana plants planted in soil, 21 female un-rooted clone marijuana plants, and 3 rooted clone marijuana plants. NSIB also seized a 40 caliber Berretta pistol, processed marijuana, marijuana shake and evidence of possession of marijuana for sales through text messages and admissions. A male suspect, a 30 y/o Vallejo resident, and a female suspect, a 26 y/o American Canyon resident, were arrested at the residence and transported to NCDC for booking. The female suspect was also found to be in possession of Schedule II narcotics without a prescription.

NC2014-00093

In June 2014, NSIB detectives, with the assistance of Napa County Sheriff's Office detectives, scoured the western mountainside in the 5000 block of the Lake County Highway in an effort to eradicate the illegal marijuana and arrest those responsible. Detectives located a campsite concealed in thick brush and three large plots of marijuana. The area had been thinned of its natural vegetation and replaced with marijuana, drip lines and pesticides. Two large above-ground cisterns were found made out of cut down trees and tarps. Two 55-gallon drums filled with food supplies were located at a campsite along with a tent and four sleeping bags. Also found at the campsite near the tent were two lit and burning candles and three statues, all bearing the image of Santa Muerte, the patron saint of death often used by drug traffickers hoping for protection against enemies and law enforcement. In the grow site detectives found a carving in a tree referencing Michoacán, Mexico. Detectives eradicated over 13,900 marijuana plants from the illegal growing operation. Marijuana plants grown in an outdoor environment can easily yield one pound of marijuana per plant. The estimated street value of the seized marijuana, upon reaching maturity, was \$18,070,000. No arrests were made in the operation but the investigation is continuing. NSIB has shown through past investigations that marijuana grown in Napa County by drug trafficking organizations is often exported across the nation.

NC2014-00115

In July 2014, NSIB conducted aerial overflights of rural Napa County looking for illegal large-scale marijuana growing operations. The overflights are paid for by grant funding from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and are conducted periodically in an effort to combat the large-scale illicit marijuana production by often armed members of drug trafficking organizations. Such illegal operations often result in the degradation of natural resources, theft of water from homeowners and vintners, damming of natural springs, use of unapproved pesticides and insecticides, terracing landscapes, running miles of drip lines, and leaving thousands of pounds of trash strewn about. Additionally, illicit large-scale marijuana growing operations are also

discovered yearly by hunters, hikers, and property owners who are confronted by armed marijuana growers. Last calendar year (2013) NSIB eradicated approximately 23,000 marijuana plants. This year to date, NSIB has destroyed in excess of 60,000 marijuana plants. The marijuana growing season runs from early spring through the end of September.

During the overflights, NSIB personnel spotted several large-scale outdoor marijuana growing operations in rugged and remote parts of Napa County. One of the growing operations was discovered west of a winery vineyard in the 3800 block of Mount Veeder Road in unincorporated Napa County. The following morning, NSIB personnel, with the assistance of a Napa Sheriff's Deputy and his K-9 partner snuck into the area and discovered a day camp, a loaded rifle, a shrine to Jesus Malverde (the patron saint of drug traffickers), a marijuana drying area and two large plots where marijuana had been grown and secreted in the trees, manzanita and thick brush. From all appearances, the cultivators cut the marijuana and attempted to dry it before hauling it out. As NSIB detectives swept the area they heard suspects fleeing through the heavily wooded and steep terrain. NSIB detectives subsequently seized and destroyed in excess of 2,800 marijuana plants.

Patrol Deputies responded to the area and later contacted a 30 y/o Santa Rosa transient, who initially refused to identify himself, walking in the 3500 block of Mount Veeder Road. NSIB detectives interviewed the suspect. Based on evidence seized from the marijuana growing operation and after interviewing the suspect, detectives determined probable cause existed to arrest him for cultivation of marijuana, possession for sale of marijuana, and being armed in the commission of a felony. Detectives booked the suspect into the NCDC. It was later learned that the suspect had two unrelated outstanding warrants for his arrest for DUI and felony evasion (vehicle pursuit) out of other counties. NSIB detectives also recently spotted and destroyed large-scale illegal growing operations west of Oakville, north of Mount St Helena, Pope Valley, and Capell Valley where detectives recovered a stolen rifle and additional evidence detectives are still following up on.

NSIB has shown through past investigations that the large-scale Napa County marijuana growing operations are most often run by transnational drug trafficking organizations. The vast majority of these drug trafficking organizations have been based in other counties and involved in trafficking marijuana across the nation.

NC2014-00119

In July 2014, NSIB conducted aerial overflights of rural Napa County looking for illegal large-scale marijuana growing operations. The overflights are paid for by grant funding from the United States Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) and are conducted periodically in an effort to combat the large-scale illicit marijuana production by often armed members of drug trafficking organizations. As a result of the overflights, NSIB personnel spotted marijuana growing in the area of Butts Canyon and Snell Valley Roads and at a residence in the 100 block of Spur Court, in the Berryessa Estates subdivision of Pope Valley. This year to date, NSIB has destroyed in excess of 60,000 marijuana plants.

NSIB initiated an investigation into the marijuana growing operations and determined they were run by the same individual who recently moved to California from New Jersey. NSIB later learned the suspect reportedly admitted to moving to California to grow marijuana and goji berries. An

NSIB detective prepared and obtained a search warrant for both properties. NSIB detectives served the search warrant at both locations. As detectives approached the residence on Spur Court they made verbal contact with a 21 y/o resident who recently moved to Napa County from New Jersey. Detectives identified themselves, told the suspect they had a search warrant for him and the residence. Detectives directed the suspect, who was standing in front of the house, to come towards them. Instead, the suspect turned and ran inside shutting the front door. NSIB detectives forced entry into the residence, confronted and detained the suspect and two other 21-year old residents.

A search of the house pursuant to the search warrant resulted in the seizure of a butane honey oil (BHO) drug lab, several pounds of processed marijuana, and numerous marijuana plants being grown in the back yard, drug packaging materials, a digital scale, one handgun, two shotguns, and a rifle. It should be noted that a number of BHO labs, including one recently in the City of Napa, have been discovered as a result of fire.

The suspect was arrested for manufacturing a controlled substance, cultivation of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale, being armed in the commission of a felony, and resisting/obstructing a peace officer. He was booked into NCDC. The investigation will be forwarded to the Napa County Office of the District Attorney for review and consideration in charging the other two residents with manufacturing a controlled substance, cultivation of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale, and being armed in the commission of a felony.

NSIB detectives then responded to the other nearby unimproved property leased by the suspect, served the search warrant and eradicated more marijuana.

NC2014-00152

In August 2014, NSIB detectives assisted the Napa Police Department (NPD) with surveillance and the service of a search warrant related to the cocaine trafficking activities of a 23 y/o Napa resident at his home in the 1500 block of Noelle Way. NSIB detectives followed the suspect away from the residence, contacted and detained him in possession of 7.3 grams cocaine, and then assisted NPD in the service of a search warrant at the suspect's residence. NSIB released the cocaine to NPD. NPD seized additional cocaine, meth, two handguns, and an SKS-rifle from the residence under NPD case number NPD14-005094. NSIB seized \$2,811 in US currency from the suspect pursuant to asset forfeiture statutes and booked it at the Napa County Sheriff's Office (NCSO). NPD arrested and booked the suspect on cocaine and firearms-related charges. NPD also arrested the suspect's mother on meth-related charges. Both the suspect and his mother were booked into NCDC.

NC2014-00160

In September 2014, NSIB served a search warrant in the 3600 block of Evergreen Court in Napa, seeking evidence of marijuana cultivation and sales. Detectives determined the 23y/o Napa resident was growing 17 marijuana plants, had several ounces of processed marijuana, approximately 4 grams of concentrated cannabis, and additional evidence related to the sales of marijuana. Additionally, the suspect was found to be in possession of over \$12,000 in cash, all of which was seized as suspected drug proceeds. NSIB arrested and booked the suspect into NCDC on charges of Marijuana cultivation and possession of Marijuana for sale.

NC2014-00161, NC2014-00162, and NC2014-00163

Every year NSIB receives a number of complaints from residents, vintners and hikers/hunters concerning armed trespassers and trespassers stealing water. Those responsible are often found to be tending to, and protecting, illegal marijuana growing operations. In an effort to protect our citizens and natural resources NSIB attempts to eradicate marijuana clandestinely grown in illegal growing operations.

In September, 2014, NSIB conducted overflights of northern Napa County looking for clandestine marijuana growing operations. Detectives located illegal large-scale marijuana growing operations in northern Napa County near the Palisades Public Land Area.

NSIB detectives eradicated over 660 mature marijuana plants from three separate privately owned lands near the Palisades Public Land Use Area. Detectives located a campsite and a handgun concealed in thick brush at one of the grow sites. The areas had been thinned of its natural vegetation and replaced with marijuana, drip lines and pesticides. Two of the marijuana growing operations were being watered from dammed and diverted natural springs. A large above-ground cistern was found at one of the grow sites. Those responsible for the third illegal growing operation were found to be stealing water from a nearby vineyard to water the marijuana. No arrests were made in the operation however the investigation is continuing.

This year NSIB detectives have eradicated over 62,000 marijuana plants from the illegal growing operations in Napa County with an estimated wholesale value upon harvest of over \$80,000,000. The number of marijuana plants eradicated this year represents an approximate 50% over last year's plant seizures.

NC2014-00165

In September 2014, NSIB detectives investigated allegations that a 46 y/o female from Vallejo was involved in selling meth in Napa and Solano Counties. NSIB culminated the investigation by conducting a car stop on the suspect as she drove through American Canyon towards the City of Napa. Detectives detained and searched the suspect and her vehicle pursuant to a search warrant and recovered approximately 6 ounces of crystal meth from her purse. Additionally, detectives recovered approximately 1 ounce of meth from her person. NSIB detectives served a search warrant at her Vallejo residence and recovered additional evidence consistent with drug sales. The suspect was arrested and booked into NCDC for transporting meth, possessing meth for sale, and driving on a suspended license.

NC2014-00177

In October 2014, following up on a Napa County Sheriff's Office car stop in American Canyon, NSIB served a search warrant on a Vallejo resident as he again drove through American Canyon for evidence related to possession of marijuana for sale in violation of H&S 11359. NSIB, with the assistance of the American Canyon and Vallejo Police Departments served the warrant at the suspect's residence in the 1900 block of Sutter Street in Vallejo. The primary suspect, along with a second suspect at the residence, were found to be in possession of evidence related to the cultivation and possession for sale of marijuana, conspiracy to commit a crime, maintaining a fortified drug house, and being armed in the commission of a felony. Additionally, the second suspect was detained for being an ex-felon in possession of a firearm and ammunition.

Seized pursuant to the search warrant were over 60 pounds of unprocessed marijuana, 25 pounds of processed marijuana, a small number of morphine pills, a stolen .357 revolver, a semi-automatic 9mm handgun, a sawed-off 20-gauge shotgun, a pump-action 12-gauge shotgun, a SKS assault rifle, and a lower AR-15 receiver. Detectives seized over \$1,500 in suspected drug proceeds pursuant to asset forfeiture statutes. NSIB arrested and booked the primary suspect into NCDC. NSIB released the second suspect at the scene pending review and criminal filing with the Solano County District Attorney's Office.

Both suspects have multiple prior law enforcement-related contacts.

NC2014-00186

In October 2014, NSIB culminated a month-long undercover (UC) investigation into the marijuana sales activities of a 37 y/o Napa resident. During the course of the investigation an undercover NSIB detective met with, and bought marijuana from, the suspect outside of the Yountville restaurant he worked at while on break.

During the course of the investigation, an NSIB detective authored a search warrant for the suspect, his vehicle and his residence in the 900 block of Windsor Street in Napa.

An NSIB detective, acting in an undercover capacity negotiated the purchase of 2 pounds of marijuana from the suspect. The UC detective met the suspect near his place of employment in the 6500 block of Washington Street in Yountville. The UC detective purchased two pounds of marijuana from the suspect who was immediately taken into custody without incident by NSIB detectives.

NSIB detectives then served the search warrant at the suspect's rented home and seized approximately 40 marijuana plants being grown in a converted indoor grow room inside of the garage. NSIB also seized additional marijuana packaged for sale, a digital scale and packaging materials from the suspect's home. The suspect was booked into NCDC on marijuana sales and cultivation-related charges.

NC2014-00180

In October 2014, NSIB culminated a month-long UC investigation into the sales of LSD and MDMA in Napa by arresting two local high school students. LSD (d-lysergic acid diethylamide), a Schedule I controlled substance, is a potent hallucinogen that has a high potential for abuse. MDMA (3,4-methylenedioxy-methamphetamine), also a Schedule I controlled substance, acts as both a stimulant and psychedelic. MDMA, popularly known as "Molly" and "Ecstasy," is a synthetic, psychoactive drug that has similarities to both the stimulant amphetamine and the hallucinogen mescaline.

The UC detective bought LSD-laced sugar cubes and MDMA capsules from the high school student at a business on Old Sonoma Road in Napa. An NSIB detective subsequently authored a search warrant for the juvenile, his vehicle and the residence he shares with his parents in Napa.

The UC detective negotiated another purchase of LSD and MDMA from the high school student. The high school student met with, and sold, the UC detective LSD and MDMA in the parking lot of a business on Old Sonoma Road. Other NSIB detectives moved in, arrested the juvenile, and detained a teenage passenger who was released from the scene. NSIB detectives then served the search warrant at the juvenile's home and seized additional evidence related to the sales of LSD.

During the course of the investigation, NSIB identified the LSD and MDMA dealer's source. The source was identified as another local 17-year old high school student. NSIB detectives contacted the source at the home he shares with his parents and obtained consent to search. NSIB detectives seized more LSD, uncontaminated sugar cubes, and additional evidence linking him to the earlier sales of MDMA.

NSIB arrested both juveniles and booked them into the Napa County Juvenile Hall for drug sales-related offenses. A Napa Police Department School Resource Officer (SRO) assisted NSIB with this investigation. Both juveniles are believed to be first-time offenders.

NC2014-00189 and NC2014-00190

In October 2014, NSIB served a search warrant on a suspect and his residence in the 1100 block of Republic Avenue in Napa. During the service of the search warrant, NSIB detectives contacted and detained a female suspect for an equipment violation after she drove up to the residence in a vehicle. The female suspect was on active probation for DUI. Detectives subsequently placed the female suspect, a 46 y/o Napa resident, under arrest for driving under the influence of a controlled substance (DUI-drugs) and violating the terms and conditions of her probation. During the course of the investigation, NSIB detectives seized almost 1/2 ounce of meth from the female suspect's purse. She was booked into NCDC.

NSIB contacted and detained the primary suspect, a 54 y/o Napa resident, near his residence and found him to be in possession of approximately 1/2 ounce of meth, scales, packaging and additional evidence consistent of drug trafficking. NSIB served the search warrant on the primary suspect's residence which he shares with his girlfriend (the earlier mentioned female DUI suspect), her 12-year old daughter, and his 18-month old granddaughter, and seized a Butane Honey Oil (BHO) lab and over 2 pounds of processed marijuana. NSIB arrested, transported, and booked both the male and female suspects into NCDC for manufacturing a controlled substance, possession of meth for sale, and child endangerment. The total amount of meth seized could have impaired over 300 people. Child Protective Services (CPS) responded to the residence and placed both children in protective custody.

The male suspect posted bail and was released pending the outcome of court proceedings. The female suspect was released after posting bail pending the outcome of court proceedings. NSIB detectives submitted a complaint with the Napa DA's office for review against two other residents.

NC2014-00201

In November 2014, NSIB initiated surveillance on a male and female, both of whom are known local meth abusers, at a restaurant in the 3000 block of Jefferson Street in Napa. During the course of the surveillance, the 36 y/o male suspect left the area in a vehicle with another female. NSIB followed the suspects to the South Napa Market Place where another male got into the vehicle,

which continued through American Canyon to the City of Vallejo. After a short time in Vallejo, the female drove the vehicle back to Napa County, making the effort to circumvent the City of American Canyon, via Interstate 80 and Jameson Canyon Road (SR-12). An American Canyon Police Officer stopped the suspects on Jameson Canyon (SR-12) at Kirkland Ranch for vehicle code violations. NSIB detectives assisted in contacting the occupants. As a result of the stop, approximately 1/2 ounce of meth was recovered from the female driver. Further investigation showed the male suspect persuaded the female driver to conceal the meth for him, and then when discovered, threatened the female, telling her to take responsibility for it. NSIB detectives arrested and booked the male into NCDC for possession for sale and transportation of meth in violation of H&S 11378 and 11379. NSIB detectives released the female from the scene. In addition to the drug offenses, the District Attorney's Office subsequently filed a "dissuading/threatening a witness" count against the male for threatening the female driver. The male has several drug, weapon and stolen property cases pending against him in the court system.

NC2014-00204

In November 2014, NSIB culminated an investigation into a 52 y/o male believed to be trafficking meth in Napa County, with the service of a search warrant on the suspect, his vehicle and his residence in the 2100 block of Napa Street in Vallejo. Detectives recovered approximately 1 1/2 ounces of meth (enough to impair over 300 people), a loaded stolen 9mm Smith and Wesson handgun, and additional evidence of meth sales. The suspect, a prior Napa resident, is well known to local law enforcement and a convicted felon. Following his arrest, NSIB booked the suspect into the Solano County Jail.

NC2014-00207

American Canyon Police Officers arrested a 40 y/o Vacaville resident and 34 y/o Fairfield resident in July 2014 for commercial burglary, possession and transportation of meth for sale, child endangerment, conspiracy to commit a criminal act, and forgery. The 40 y/o suspect was released after posting a \$50,000 bail. The 34 y/o suspect was released on his "Own Recognizance" after promising to obey all laws.

In November 2014, NSIB covertly followed both suspects as they traveled together to Richmond. On their return trip through Napa County, NSIB initiated a traffic stop on the suspects' after observing the 40 y/o male suspect violate the California Vehicle Code. On approach, detectives saw and smelled marijuana in the suspects' car. During a search of the 40 y/o suspect, detectives recovered two bags of meth and over \$1,300 in U.S. currency from his person. Searching the car, detectives recovered a large bag containing approximately 3 1/2 ounces of meth (a quantity sufficient to impair over 900 people) and evidence of meth sales hidden under the hood in the engine compartment. Detectives seized the currency pursuant to asset forfeiture statutes. NSIB arrested and booked both suspects back into NCDC.

NC2014-00209

In November 2014, NSIB and Napa Police Department (NPD) personnel executed a search warrant in the 1800 block of Brown Street in Napa. Officers and detectives seized almost an ounce of cocaine packaged for sale; approximately 1/4 pound of psilocybin mushrooms, several grams of MDMA (also known as "Ecstasy"), approximately 1/4 pound of marijuana, evidence of drug sales and over \$3,800.00 in US currency from the resident. Officers arrested the suspect for several

drug-related felonies and booked him into NCDC. NSIB seized the cash pursuant to asset forfeiture statutes.

As NSIB continued their investigation, they learned the suspect had access to multiple bank accounts. An NSIB detective obtained and served a search warrant and seizure order on the suspect's accounts at the financial institution resulting in an additional seizure of over \$10,600.

The suspect was released on his "Own Recognizance" after promising to obey the law while the case proceeds through court.

NC2014-00213

In November 2014, NPD officers responded to a residence in the 3600 block of Harkness Street in Napa on a report of a residential alarm and possible burglary. While at the house, officers saw evidence of a Butane Honey Oil (BHO) lab, a violation of HS 11379.6(a). NPD secured the scene, and requested assistance from NSIB who responded and secured a search warrant for the residence resulting in the seizure of evidence related to the manufacture of concentrated cannabis including over 50 pounds of marijuana, over 1/2 ounce of concentrated cannabis ("honey oil"), and glass extraction cylinders. The 27 y/o resident suspected of running the BHO lab was not home at the time of the investigation but was known to NSIB detectives. NSIB referred this investigation to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

In September of 2012, NSIB detectives identified the same suspect and his father in another indoor marijuana growing operation in Napa. Both were subsequently charged with five (5) felony offenses related to the cultivation and possession for sale of marijuana, theft of utility services, and felony vandalism related to damaging the utility lines. Additionally, the suspect (son) was charged with felony possession of a controlled substance (other than marijuana). When the case resolved in 2013, both pled guilty to one misdemeanor count of theft of utility services, were sentenced to one (1) day in jail and placed on misdemeanor probation. In 2014, at the request of the son, the Court terminated his probation almost two years early and set aside his guilty plea.

NC2014-000214

In December 2014, NSIB initiated an investigation into allegations that a 45 y/o suspect from Woodland in Yolo County was selling meth in the City and County of Napa.

An NSIB detective, acting in an undercover (UC) capacity, met with and purchased meth from the suspect in a commercial parking lot in South Napa. During the investigation, NSIB detectives learned the suspect would sit in his car, generally between 5 pm and 9 pm, in parking lots around south Napa dealing meth. Through surveillance, NSIB learned the suspect lived in Woodland but came to Napa regularly to sell meth. NSIB evaluated the case and determined the suspect was a mid-level meth dealer selling enough meth to impair hundreds of people in Napa. In order to ensure a solid prosecutable case against the meth trafficker, and not a Prop 47 misdemeanor meth case, NSIB continued their investigation in order to achieve their investigative objectives.

As the investigation progressed, the UC detective again bought meth and cocaine on two more occasions from the suspect in Napa. NSIB then set up an undercover meeting to buy 1/4 pound of meth from the suspect in a commercial parking lot in South Napa. This amount of meth could

potentially impair over 1,000 people using 1/10th of a gram as a common dosage unit. After the purchase, NSIB, with the assistance of Napa Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit (SEU) and a Napa Sheriff's Detective, moved in and arrested the suspect without incident. A second person was temporarily detained during the suspect's arrest but later released when it was determined the individual was not directly involved in the drug sale.

NSIB detectives then drove to Yolo County and, with the assistance of the Woodland Police Department, served a search warrant at the suspect's home in the 1200 block of Evergreen Street in Woodland. Detectives seized a usable quantity of suspected cocaine, evidence of drug sales including scales and packaging materials, and seized over \$2,300 cash as suspected drug proceeds pursuant to asset forfeiture laws. The suspect, who has a criminal history including a prior drug arrest, was booked into NCDC for multiple counts of drug sales.

NC2014-00215

In December 2014, NSIB culminated an undercover investigation into the cocaine trafficking activities of a 33 y/o male with the service of a search warrant at his residence in the 1300 block of C Street in Napa. Detectives seized over 2 ounces of cocaine, capable of impairing over 500 people, cutting agents, and additional evidence related to the sales of cocaine. The suspect subsequently admitted to selling cocaine in Napa before being booked into NCDC.

NC2014-00218

In December 2014, NSIB initiated an investigation into allegations that a 33 y/o female from Napa was selling meth. As a result of the investigation, NSIB obtained a search warrant for the suspect, her apartment in the 1000 block of Marina Drive, and vehicles under her control.

NSIB detectives initiated surveillance on the suspect's residence and eventually contacted her in the company of a 32 y/o female from Napa. Detectives then searched the suspect's apartment and contacted her two children, an 11 y/o girl and 13 y/o boy.

Detectives recovered several grams of meth from the suspect and seized evidence consistent with the sales of meth including a scale, pay & owe sheets, and other evidence intentionally not identified for investigative purposes.

The second female suspect contacted was found to be in possession of approximately 3/4 of an ounce of meth and additional evidence related to its use and sales.

Napa County CPS responded and removed the children from the home pursuant to the countywide Drug Endangered Children (DEC) protocol.

NSIB booked both females into NCDC. The primary suspect was booked for possession of meth for sale and 2 counts of felony child endangerment. The second suspect was booked for transportation and possession of meth for sale. The following day, the court ordered both suspects released on their "Own Recognizance" after promising to obey all laws while their cases proceed through the criminal justice system.

NAPA SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU
2014 ARRESTS BY MONTH

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>FELONY CHARGE(S)</u>
January	8	6
February	13	8
March	5	4
April	9	9
May	4	4
June	0	0
July	8	6
August	9	8
September	4	3
October	10	5
November	4	1
December	5	5
TOTAL:	79	59

NAPA SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU
2014 CASES BY LOCATION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CASES</u>
City of Napa	176
Calistoga	9
St. Helena	5
Napa County	6
American Canyon	9
Out of County	9
TOTAL:	<hr/> 214

NAPA SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU
2014 INVESTIGATIVE SEARCHES

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>SEARCH WARRANTS</u>	<u>ON VIEW</u>	<u>SUPERVISED RELEASE</u>
January	5	2	6
February	4	0	1
March	0	3	8
April	6	3	7
May	11	2	4
June	4	0	0
July	8	0	2
August	9	1	2
September	10	0	0
October	8	0	3
November	5	0	0
December	3	0	1
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TOTAL:	73	11	34

NAPA SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU
2014 WEAPONS SEIZED

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>RIFLES</u>	<u>SHOTGUNS</u>	<u>HANDGUNS</u>
January	0	0	0
February	0	0	0
March	0	0	0
April	1	1	1
May	1	0	5
June	0	0	0
July	4	1	1
August	2	2	0
September	0	0	1
October	3	2	1
November	0	0	0
December	0	0	0
TOTAL:	11	6	9

NAPA SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU
2014 DRUGS SEIZED

<u>DRUG</u>	<u>AMOUNT SEIZED</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Methamphetamine	1,171.34 gr	\$70,280.40
Marijuana plants/Indoor	80 plants	\$216,000.00
Marijuana plants/Outdoor	62,246 plants	\$80,919,800.00
Marijuana Bulk	22,407.26 gr	\$224,072.60
BHO Oil	15.4 gr	\$398.00
Hashish	59.7 gr	\$1,194.00
Cocaine	244.1 gr	\$19,528.00
MDMA/Ecstasy	35 pills	\$700.00
LSD	45.6 gr	\$273.60
LSD	22 sugar cubes	\$132.00
Psilocybin	35.1 gr	\$3,510.00
Heroin	8.6 gr	\$848.00
Methadone	9 pills	\$90.00
Various Rx medications	581 pills	\$4,080.00

Drug Labs

Methamphetamine	0
Marijuana (BHO/Hashish)	9

NAPA SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU
2014 ASSET FORFEITURE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>SEIZURE TYPE</u>	<u>VALUE/AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL CASES</u>
January	Cash	\$ 5,439.00	3
February	Cash	\$ 1,591.00	2
March	Cash	\$ 957.00	1
April	Cash	\$ 16,527.00	5
May	Cash	\$ 5,015.00	3
June	Cash	\$ 6,102.05	4
July	Cash	\$ 1,575.00	2
August	Cash	\$ 18,148.00	3
September	Cash	\$ 22,742.00	2
October	Cash	\$ 2,794.00	6
November	None	\$ 6,247.00	3
December	Cash	\$ 12,990.74	4
TOTAL:		\$100,127.79	38