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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 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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MISSION STATEMENT

MISSION: The primary mission of the Napa Special Investigations Bureau is to provide professional narcotics investigation and dedicated 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 throughout 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 County.
- 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.

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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 supervise day-to-day operations.

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2015 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 Probation Officer (60% commitment)

Napa County District Attorney's Office – One 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

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TASK FORCE PROGRAMS

During 2015, 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 Supervised Release through Probation, Parole, and/or 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 2015, NSIB detectives conducted 41 supervised release searches that resulted in numerous felony and misdemeanor arrests.

DRUG ENDANGERED CHILDREN (DEC) PROTOCOL

In 2005, NSIB established Napa County's Drug-Endangered Children (DEC) protocol through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between law enforcement, 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 ensuring a quality continuum of care in support of children found in, or exposed to, dangerous drug environments. In 2015, NSIB invoked this protocol 4 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 directly related to the investigation and eradication of illegally grown marijuana. CA DOJ's CAMP team provides operational assistance in eradicating large-scale illicit outdoor marijuana growing operations. In 2015, 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.

PREVENTION & EDUCATION

NSIB actively seeks opportunities to engage in drug awareness programs and presentations throughout our community promoting an awareness of the dangerous and destructive effects of drug abuse. NSIB has participated in a number of drug awareness and prevention efforts in 2015 to include presentations at private and public middle and high schools, community groups and appearances on a local Spanish-speaking talk radio program.

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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 detective with basic, intermediate, and advanced levels of training and expertise related to drug investigations and enforcement.

The California Narcotics Officers' Association (CNOA), Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigation (ICI), High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) and Northern California Regional Intelligence Center (NCRIC), 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 2015.

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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2015 DRUG ASSESSMENT & TRENDS

Fortunately, Napa County is relatively free from the traditional open-air, street corner drug dealers. The retail-level drug distributor continues to be the most common illegal trafficker in Napa County. The retail distributor concentrates on providing small quantities of illicit drugs to individuals who are dependent or addicted. Retailers are generally found in every city within Napa County and obtain their drugs from distributors.

NSIB focuses its investigative and enforcement efforts on Napa County distributor-level drug traffickers. 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. Distributors often maintain close relationships with manufacturers or growers and are involved with large-scale drug trafficking organizations (DTOs).

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 into and within 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 2015, 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 forfeiture of seized assets.

In recent years, the abuse of pharmaceutical pain and anti-anxiety medications has gained the attention of NSIB. The demand for opiate-based pain pills and anti-anxiety medications has given rise to illicit prescription drug dealers.

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 2015 was crystal meth. One investigation into a large-scale meth trafficker from San Joaquin County supplying Napa County resulted in the seizure of approximately 40 gallons of meth in solution. 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 2015, NSIB seized one methamphetamine conversion lab and the equivalent of approximately 85 pounds of methamphetamine in 84 investigations. NSIB's efforts prevented enough meth to impair almost 385,000 people from hitting the streets.

MARIJUANA

The potency of today's marijuana far exceeds that of cultivated in the 1960's and 1970's. During that era the tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) content in marijuana was approximately 6%. Today, the THC content in marijuana can exceed 15% while the THC content of honey oil (concentrated cannabis) can exceed 90%. To put it simply, smoking one dose of honey oil today can be equivalent to smoking approximately 15 marijuana cigarettes ("joints") in the 1970's.



In 2015, NSIB seized approximately 141 lbs of processed marijuana. In 2015, 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 2015, NSIB eradicated 5,168 illegally grown marijuana plants, down from 62,613 in 2014. 98% of outdoor marijuana plants eradicated by NSIB were seized from private lands. Evidence

continues to suggest the landowners had no involvement in most, if not all, of the large scale rural outdoor trespass growing operations.

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 2015, NSIB seized marijuana in approximately 47 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), a number of additional investigations were referred to the Office of the District Attorney's Office seeking criminal complaints against 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, known as honey oil, from marijuana leaves, once thought of as useless, through chemical synthesis using butane, a highly flammable solvent. In 2015, NSIB seized 8 Butane Honey Oil labs and approximately 945 grams of Honey Oil. Honey Oil is also known as "shatter, butter, wax or dabs."

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 2015, NSIB seized controlled pharmaceuticals in the form of pain killers, depressants, anti-anxiety meds, and other prescriptions in several 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 2015, Napa County experienced a small amount of heroin related arrests, seizing heroin in only 6 cases. NSIB seized 119 grams of heroin in 2015, compared to 2014’s seizure of 8.6 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. Regionally, heroin use and seizures have grown significantly. 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 425.2 grams of cocaine hydrochloride (powder) in 2015, up from 2014's seizure of 244.1 grams. In 2015, NSIB seized cocaine in approximately 10 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 seized 4 grams of cocaine base, known as "crack," in two separate cases in 2015.



AGENCY ASSISTS

During 2015, NSIB assisted participating and allied agencies in a number of violent crime and stolen property investigations by providing investigative support, surveillance and assisting with enforcement actions.

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2015 ARRESTS BY MONTH

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>FELONY CHARGE(S)</u>
January	11	11
February	12	12
March	9	9
April	5	3
May	11	4
June	10	9
July	11	11
August	6	5
September	8	8
October	4	4
November	6	6
December	2	2
TOTAL:	94	83

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2015 CASES BY LOCATION

<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>CASES</u>
City of Napa	108
Calistoga	11
St. Helena	2
Napa County	21
American Canyon	17
Out of County	19
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TOTAL:	178

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2015 INVESTIGATIVE SEARCHES

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>SEARCH WARRANTS</u>	<u>ON VIEW</u>	<u>SUPERVISED RELEASE</u>
January	6	1	4
February	5	2	7
March	7	0	1
April	4	0	6
May	8	0	4
June	4	0	5
July	4	1	3
August	5	1	2
September	8	0	3
October	5	0	0
November	3	1	0
December	2	0	0
TOTAL:	61	6	35

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2015 WEAPONS SEIZED

<u>MONTH</u>		
January	1	<u>RIFLES</u>
		12
February	1	
March	3	<u>SHOTGUNS</u>
		6
April	1	
May	0	<u>HANDGUNS</u>
		19
June	7	
July	0	<u>OTHER</u>
		1 (Cane gun)
August	15	
September	0	
October	9	
November	1	
December	0	
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TOTAL:	38	

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2015 DRUGS SEIZED

<u>DRUG</u>	<u>AMOUNT SEIZED</u>	<u>VALUE</u>
Methamphetamine	38,495.7 grams	\$ 2,309,742.00
Marijuana plants/Indoor	1,258 plants	\$ 849,150.00
Marijuana plants/Outdoor	3,910 plants	\$ 5,083,000.00
Marijuana bulk	64,406.11 grams	\$ 644,061.10
BHO Oil	3.4 grams	\$ 170.00
Cocaine	425.4 grams	\$ 36,708.00
MDMA/Ecstasy	.6 grams	\$ 48.00
Psilocybin	17.8 grams	\$ 1,780.00
Heroin	119 grams	\$ 9,520.80
Methadone	2 pills	\$ 10.00
Various Rx medications	234 pills	\$ 570.00
Spice	.5 grams	\$ 7.50
Suboxone	1 strip	\$ 5.00

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2015 ASSET FORFEITURE

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>SEIZURE TYPE</u>	<u>VALUE/AMOUNT</u>	<u>TOTAL CASES</u>
January	Cash	\$ 19,201.68	4
February	Cash	\$ 6,534.00	5
March	Cash	\$ 13,610.00	3
April	Cash	\$ 0.00	0
May	Cash	\$ 14,695.00	2
June	Cash	\$ 5,899.00	3
July	Cash	\$ 0.00	0
August	Cash	\$ 62,471.27	6
September	Cash	\$ 7,744.97	1
October	Cash	\$ 55,345.88	2
November	Cash	\$ 1,455.00	1
December	Cash	\$ 15,592.00	4
TOTAL:		\$ 202,548.80	31

2015 SIGNIFICANT NSIB CASES

The Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) is Napa's countywide drug task force, first established in 1976, comprised of law enforcement personnel from the Napa Sheriff's Department, Napa Police Department, California Highway Patrol and Napa County Probation Department.

Additionally, NSIB receives support from the Napa County District Attorney's Office as well as the Calistoga and Saint Helena Police Departments. In recent years, NSIB has developed information and intelligence that the regional availability of methamphetamine is at an all-time high. Additional information and intelligence indicate heroin trafficking and abuse is rising nationwide. Demand, the systematic de-funding and dismantling of drug task forces and the pharmaceutical epidemic are all likely contributing factors. NSIB endeavors to educate our community on the dangers of drugs and enforce existing laws primarily related to drug trafficking. NSIB's enforcement efforts focus on disrupting and dismantling those groups and organizations trafficking illicit drugs, including methamphetamine, cocaine, heroin, marijuana and pharmaceutical drugs; into and within our County in an effort to protect our community from the debilitating effects of drug traffickers and abusers.

NC2015-00008

On January 16, 2015, the Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) searched and arrested a known drug dealer for possessing methamphetamine, heroin, and prescriptions Xanax pills for sale along with evidence that he was shipping the drugs nationwide. In December of 2012, an alert Napa Police Officer contacted Ernest Davis as he sat in his car in the parking lot of a restaurant in the 3000 block of Jefferson Street in Napa. The Officer subsequently arrested Davis for possessing a loaded and stolen handgun, methamphetamine, MDMA ("Ecstasy") and prescription pills for sale. NSIB responded and authored a search warrant for Davis' residence. Detectives recovered additional evidence of drug sales from Davis' residence. Evidence showed Davis was likely selling and shipping meth and other drugs via the mail. Davis subsequently pled guilty to drug and weapons charges and was sentenced to custody and probation. In August of 2013, Napa Police Officers again arrested Davis for possession of methamphetamine for sale. Davis was again found to be shipping methamphetamine via the mail. Davis pled guilty and was subsequently sentenced to state prison. With the passage of AB 109, Davis was released back to Napa County early on Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS). On January 16, 2015, NSIB Detectives conducted a PRCS search on Davis at his residence in the 3000 block of the Silverado Trail. Davis was found in possession of methamphetamine, heroin, Xanax pills and synthetic heroin for sale. Detectives recovered a vast amount of evidence showing Davis was regularly shipping drugs nationwide. Over \$8,000 cash was seized pursuant to asset forfeiture statutes from the unemployed drug dealer. Detectives arrested and booked Davis into the Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC) for possession of controlled substances for sale and violating terms and conditions of his supervised release.

NC2015-00010

During the month of January 2015, Detectives with the Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) developed information 40 year-old Napa resident Jeremy Malone was involved in selling methamphetamine in Napa County. Detectives initiated an investigation and developed probable cause which resulted in the issuance of a search warrant for Malone's residence, located approximately 500 feet from an elementary school. On January 20, 2015, NSIB Detectives served the search warrant at Malone's residence in the 100 block of Franklin Street in the City of Napa. On detaining and searching Malone, Detectives recovered methamphetamine packaged for sale in his pant pocket. Inside Malone's bedroom, Detective's recovered a larger quantity of methamphetamine, a digital scale, and packaging

materials commonly used for distribution. The total amount of methamphetamine seized was approximately ½ ounce, enough to impair approximately 140 people. Detectives also seized over \$1,800.00 cash in suspected drug proceeds pursuant to asset forfeiture statutes from Malone, who is unemployed. Malone was arrested for possession of methamphetamine for sale and booked in the Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC).

NC2015-00014

During the month of January 2015, Detectives with the Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) developed information that 29-year old Trey Athens and 32-year old Garrett Halverson, both Napa residents, were selling heroin in Napa. During the week of January 28th, an undercover NSIB Detective purchased heroin from Trey Athens in Napa. As the investigation progressed, on Friday, January 30, 2015, the undercover NSIB Detective negotiated the purchase of more heroin from Athens. NSIB's investigation showed both Athens and Garrett Halverson had left Napa County together on Friday to purchase more heroin. When Athens and Halverson, a substitute teacher, returned to Napa Detectives followed them before stopping and contacting both. NSIB Detectives arrested Athens for selling heroin to the undercover NSIB Detective, and offering more heroin for sale. NSIB Detectives contacted and arrested Halverson after finding him in possession of heroin for sale. Detectives seized additional evidence consistent with heroin sales, including a scale and packaging materials, from Halverson. Detectives booked both Athens and Halverson into the Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC) on charges related to heroin sales. Authorities notified the school district of Halverson's arrest.

NC2015-00020

On February 3, 2015, NSIB Detectives initiated an investigation into a wanted person possibly in possession of stolen car in the City of Napa. NSIB Detective's initiated surveillance on Central Avenue, Napa. While in the area, NSIB Detectives observed a male, later identified as 33-year old unemployed Vallejo resident Matthew Core, sitting in the driver's seat of a 2013 Honda CRV with paper plates. Detectives watched as Core exited the Honda and walked into a residence in the 700 block of Central Avenue. NSIB Detectives then learned a resident at that address was currently on probation in Napa County. NSIB Detectives, with the assistance of Detectives with the Napa Police Department's Special Enforcement Unit (SEU), conducted a probation search at the residence. During the search, NSIB Detectives contacted and arrested Core. Core was found to be in possession of shaved keys, which are commonly used to steal vehicles. Detectives checked the car Core was seen sitting in and found it was reported as stolen out of Fairfield. A search of the recovered stolen car yielded a billy club concealed under the seat Core was seen sitting in. Core was arrested for his outstanding warrants, possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of burglary tools, and possession of a deadly weapon, and booked into the Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC).

NC2015-00021

On the February 5, 2015, an undercover NSIB Detective was following up on information that an armed gang-member may be in the Napa-area in a stolen vehicle. During the evening hours, the NSIB Detective checked the registration status on a Volkswagen Passat occupied by at least two subjects in the area of Salvador Avenue east of SR-29. The Detective learned the vehicle was reported stolen out of Vacaville. The Detective followed the car to the 4300 block of Summerfield Drive and requested backup. Officers with the Napa Police Department responded to assist with an area search. When the Detective and Officers arrived in the area they found the car abandoned with the dome light still on. NSIB requested aerial support from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) in searching for potentially armed suspects. A CHP helicopter responded and assisted in searching the area. Officers contacted Elsie Basulto, a 22-year old Napa resident, as she walked away from the area of the stolen car. Officers

developed probable cause linking her to the stolen car and arrested her. Basulto later admitted to driving the car. A search of Basulto and her property incident to arrest yielded cocaine. A search of the recovered stolen car yielded methamphetamine and marijuana. Officers searched the immediate area. Approximately 30 yards away from the abandoned stolen car, an Officer found an unloaded 9mm semi-automatic handgun hidden in bushes near the roadway. Basulto was booked into the Napa County Department of Corrections for theft and drug-related offenses, along with violating the terms and conditions of her probation. NSIB is continuing to follow up on investigative leads in an effort to identify others involved in these offenses.

NC2015-00032

On February 17, 2015, at approximately 9:25 PM, an alert Patrol Officer with the Napa Police Department initiated a traffic stop on a vehicle for running a stop sign in the area of Jefferson Street and El Centro Avenue. On contacting the driver, identified as 20-year old Joseph McAndrew, the Police Officer smelled marijuana in the car. A search of the vehicle yielded marijuana in the passenger compartment, and evidence consistent with manufacturing butane honey oil (BHO) in the trunk of the car. BHO is concentrated cannabis, a schedule I controlled substance. Officers found additional evidence of drug sales in the car McAndrew's was driving.

The Patrol Officer requested the assistance of the Napa Special Investigation Bureau (NSIB). NSIB Detectives responded and assisted in the investigation. Officers and Detectives determined McAndrew lived in a mobile home in the 200 block of American Canyon Road, American Canyon. NSIB Detectives, with the assistance of the American Canyon Police Department, froze McAndrew's residence pending application for a search warrant. Upon obtaining a search warrant for McAndrew's mobile home, NSIB Detectives seized evidence consistent with a BHO lab in violation of H&S 11379.6(a) - manufacturing a controlled substance. The arresting officer returned to NCDC and added the charge of manufacturing a controlled substance to McAndrew's booking sheet.

NC2015-00034

During the month of February 2015, the Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) developed information that 41-year old Napa resident Brian Murphy was trafficking poly-drugs in Napa. After initiating an investigation, NSIB Detectives developed probable cause, which led to the issuance of a search warrant for evidence of methamphetamine and prescription drug sales. On February 18th, 2015, NSIB Detectives contacted Murphy away from his residence and served the search warrant on him. Detectives went back to Murphy's residence that he shares with his mother in the 2000 block of Lone Oak Avenue, Napa, and served the search warrant. A search of Murphy's room and the garage yielded methamphetamine, dilaudid, methadone, hydrocodone, Adderall, processed marijuana, and concentrated cannabis, known as "honey oil," possessed for sale. Detectives seized additional evidence consistent with drug sales in Murphy's control. Detectives also discovered a Butane Honey Oil (BHO) lab used to extract concentrated cannabis from low-grade marijuana shake.

NC2015-00039 and NC2015-00040

On February 20th, 2015, American Canyon Firefighters responded to a medical call at a residence in the 20 block of Cassayre Drive in American Canyon. On arrival, the 26-year old female was pronounced deceased. American Canyon Police and the Napa County Sheriff's Department responded to assist in the investigation. Evidence and statements suggested the death may be related to a possible heroin overdose. The Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) initiated a related drug investigation and developed probable cause which led to the issuance of a drug search warrant for the house and its residents, 35-year old Joshua Bourne and 26-year old Kurtis Denny. On Thursday, February 26th, 2015, NSIB Detectives

served the search warrant at the home in the 20 block of Cassayre Drive. On searching the residence, Detectives located indoor marijuana grows in a bedroom and garage and seized over 120 marijuana plants. Detectives found the residents had bypassed the PG&E meter to steal electricity for their indoor marijuana grows. Evidence of Butane Honey Oil (BHO) manufacturing was found throughout the residence. BHO labs are volatile and several have been recently discovered as a result of explosion and fire. A further search of the residence yielded approximately ¼ ounce of methamphetamine. Detectives seized evidence methamphetamine and BHO was being sold and shipped to the East Coast. NSIB Detectives arrested Joshua Bourne for manufacturing a controlled substance (BHO lab), possession of methamphetamine for sale, cultivation of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale and theft of utilities. Detectives arrested Kurtis Denny for cultivation of marijuana. Additionally, Bourne had three outstanding felony arrest warrants issued in Pennsylvania for his arrest. Bourne and Denny who are unemployed were booked into the Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC) on their respective drug-related charges. As the investigation continued, NSIB Detectives contacted, detained and searched 31-year old Joseph Bartholomew and his girlfriend 23-year old Regina Regan, both unemployed San Francisco residents, with their 3-week old son in American Canyon. NSIB's search yielded approximately 6 ounces of cocaine and 4 ounces (¼ pound) of methamphetamine. Napa County Child Welfare Services (CWS) workers responded and took the child into protective custody. Detectives learned Bartholomew is on active probation out of San Francisco County for drug-related offenses. NSIB Detectives then drove to San Francisco and conducted a probation search of their residence in the 10 block of Gladstone Drive in San Francisco where they seized in excess of \$1,500 in suspected drug proceeds.

Detectives booked Bartholomew and Regan into NCDC for drug and child endangerment-related offenses.

NC2015-00042

During the month of February 2015, Detectives with the Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) developed information that 24-year old Napa resident George Vouchilas, a County of Napa employee, was selling marijuana and cocaine in Napa. On March 5th, an undercover police officer was able to meet with and purchase marijuana and prescription medication (Klonopin) from Vouchilas. On March 18th, the undercover police officer again met with and purchased marijuana from Vouchilas. During both of these undercover buys Vouchilas bragged that he could sell the undercover officer cocaine, prescription medications, and various strains of marijuana. On March 25th, the undercover police officer negotiated the purchase of cocaine from Vouchilas. Later in the afternoon, Vouchilas arrived at the pre-determined meet location, met with and sold the undercover officer cocaine. NSIB Detectives moved in and arrested Vouchilas for drug sales. Following Vouchilas' arrest, NSIB Detectives, with the assistance of a Napa Police Officer and his K-9 partner, served a search warrant at Vouchilas' apartment in the 3400 block of Villa Lane in North Napa. Upon serving the warrant, Detectives seized more cocaine, Klonopin, and marijuana possessed for sale. Additionally, Detectives seized a loaded handgun and more than \$1,500 in suspected drug proceeds. Detectives seized the currency pursuant to asset forfeiture statutes. Detectives booked Vouchilas at the Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC) for drug and weapon offenses.

NC2015-00053

During the month of March 2015, NSIB Detectives developed information that 22-year old Napa resident Connor Maple was selling MDMA, commonly known as "Ecstasy," in the City and County of Napa. It was later learned that Maple is a bartender at two local Napa County establishments. Detectives obtained a search warrant and initiated surveillance on Maple. On Tuesday, March 24th, 2015, NSIB

Detectives contacted and detained Maple in the parking lot of a supermarket in Napa pursuant to the search warrant. A search of the vehicle Maple was driving yielded MDMA possessed for sale. On the same date, NSIB Detectives served the search warrant at Maple's residence in the 2400 block of Pacific Street, in Napa. In addition to the MDMA seized from Maple's vehicle, NSIB recovered marijuana possessed for sale and prescription hydrocodone, known as "Norco" and possessed without a prescription, from Maple's residence, along with over \$4,500 in cash from Maple's home. The currency was seized pursuant to asset forfeiture statutes as suspected drug proceeds. Detectives booked Maple at the Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC) for drug offenses.

NC2015-00090

During the month of May 2015, Detectives with the Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) developed information that Eulises Moya-Gomez, a 30-year old unemployed Lake County resident, was a mid-level methamphetamine source supplying Napa County meth dealers. As a part of the investigation, NSIB Detectives conducted surveillance on Moya as he travelled from Lake County to Napa and surrounding counties. On the afternoon of Friday, May 22nd, 2015, NSIB Detectives served a search warrant at Moya-Gomez' residence in the 11000 block of Yvonne Circle in Lower Lake, Lake County, CA. After forcing entry through the fenced property Detectives encountered ten children under the age of 12 and 6 adults on the approximate 1-acre property. The children and adults were determined to be immediate and extended family members. As Detectives searched an area of the residence under the control of Moya-Gomez and his wife, they located approximately 2 pounds of crystal methamphetamine and evidence of methamphetamine sales including packaging materials and a digital scale hidden in the ventilation system. The search also yielded over \$13,000 in cash hidden in various locations in their bedroom. Detectives with the Lake County Sheriff's Office responded and assisted in seizing the currency as suspected drug proceeds pursuant to asset forfeiture statutes. A small indoor marijuana grow was also located in an outbuilding on the property, along with a medical recommendation. No evidence of marijuana sales was located. The marijuana was not seized. While on scene, NSIB Detectives advised Lake County Children' Protective Services (CPS) of the circumstances related to the search warrant. Upon completion of the search warrant service and interviews, NSIB Detectives arrested Eulises Moya-Gomez and arranged to have him transported and booked into the Lake County Jail for possession of methamphetamine for sale. The amount of methamphetamine seized, which had a wholesale value of approximately \$10,000 when sold by the pound and street value of over \$54,000 when sold by the gram, was sufficient to impair approximately 9,000 people.

NC2015-00094

On Friday, May 29th, 2015, at approximately 3:30 pm, Detectives with the Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) were working in American Canyon. At that time, Detectives contacted 46 year-old ex-felon and convicted sex offender Lloyd White, a Vallejo resident, as he sat in a Honda Accord in the parking lot of a commercial establishment in the 200 block of American Canyon Road. On contacting White, Detectives saw he was holding an open alcoholic beverage container and asked him to step out of the car. White refused to get out and repeatedly reached his right hand into the passenger area of the car while refusing to obey the Detectives commands to keep his hands on the steering wheel. Fearing White was reaching for a weapon Detectives physically grabbed and removed White from the car. During the struggle an American Canyon Police Sergeant arrived on scene and assisted in subduing White with the use of a Taser. Paramedics were summoned to the scene but White refused medical treatment. After securing White, Detectives searched the passenger area of the car White was reaching for and recovered two loaded handguns, a 9mm semi-automatic pistol and a .38 caliber revolver. A further search of White's car yielded almost 2 ounces of methamphetamine, a scale, a small amount of rock cocaine, marijuana and over 40 prescription pills prescribed to another person. The amount of methamphetamine

seized could have impaired approximately 500 people. White was transported and booked into the Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC) for drug and weapons related offenses as well as resisting/delaying/obstructing a peace officer.

NC2015-00098

On Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015, Detectives with the Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) culminated an undercover investigation into the methamphetamine manufacturing and trafficking activities of Jose Bautista by conducting a buy-bust operation in Napa and serving several search warrants in Lodi. As a result of the enforcement activities, NSIB arrested Bautista and seized approximately thirty (30) pounds of crystal methamphetamine, approximately 50 gallons of solution containing methamphetamine and 3 handguns. On Superbowl Sunday, February 1st, 2015, an undercover detective with the Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) met with 40-year old Lodi resident Jose Bautista at a restaurant in Napa. During their meeting Bautista spoke of his desire to flood the Napa market with methamphetamine, bragging about his drug trafficking organization's ability to manufacture up to 100 pounds of meth at a time. Bautista further bragged of supplying a neighboring county with 20-30 pounds of methamphetamine per week. Bautista was eager to establish the same type of meth pipeline into Napa County. Bautista told the undercover detective his drug trafficking organization temporarily shut the lab operation down because their manufacturers, known as "cookers," were trying to gain entry into the United States. Bautista told the undercover detective that he fully expected to be operational again shortly. Bautista and the undercover detective negotiated prices and discussed the quality of Bautista's methamphetamine.

Over the ensuing weeks, Bautista broke contact with the undercover detective. On the evening of Tuesday, June 2nd, 2015, an undercover NSIB Detective re-established contact with Bautista and asked if Bautista was still interested in supplying methamphetamine to him. Bautista said he was and agreed to sell the undercover detective four (4) pounds of methamphetamine for \$5,300/pound for a total of \$21,200.00. On Wednesday, June 3rd, 2015, NSIB Detectives established surveillance on Bautista at his ornamental ironworks shop in the 20 block of Maxwell Street, in Lodi. Members of the surveillance team watched Bautista's movements in an effort to locate any stash locations he may be using. Later on the same afternoon, the undercover detective spoke with Bautista to confirm their deal was still on. Bautista confirmed it was and the two agreed to meet at 7:00 PM at a restaurant in the greater downtown area in Napa. Detectives followed Bautista from his shop, through the Lodi area, and to the restaurant in Napa. On Bautista's arrival he was met by the NSIB Detective and a Napa Police Officer, both acting in an undercover capacity. At the conclusion of their meeting, Bautista showed the 4 pounds of meth to the undercover NSIB detective at which time an arrest team comprised of Napa Sheriff's deputies moved in and effected Bautista's arrest. NSIB recovered the 4 pounds of methamphetamine, along with a smaller sample of meth Bautista was prepared to offer as a sample, as evidence.

NSIB Detectives drove back to Lodi and, with the assistance of the Lodi Police Department, served search warrants at Bautista's residence in the 100 block of Swain Drive, his ornamental iron shop in the 20 block of Maxwell Street, an automotive shop in the 1700 block of Ackerman Drive, and another commercial unit in the 20 block of Maxwell Street. On searching the non-descript commercial unit, NSIB Detectives located and seized approximately 18 pounds of finished crystal methamphetamine, much of which was already packed for sale in 1-pound quantities, and a significant methamphetamine conversion lab. Methamphetamine is commonly smuggled into the United States in liquid form and then converted into crystal meth through chemical synthesis using such flammable liquids as acetone. Detectives with San Joaquin Metro's Drug Task Force responded and assisted in processing the conversion lab for evidentiary purposes. The potential yield from converting the seized

methamphetamine in solution into crystal was estimated at approximately 50 pounds. Bautista was transported and booked into the Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC) for drug related offenses and held in lieu of \$1,000,000.

NC2015-00101

In the spring of 2015, the Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) developed information that 35 year-old Benicia resident Craig Compton was actively selling prescription painkillers, specifically oxycodone, in Napa County. In the first part of June, 2015, an undercover NSIB detective met with, and gained the confidence of, Compton. As a result, Compton sold the undercover NSIB detective five 30-mg Oxycodone pills in American Canyon. On Tuesday, June 23, 2015, the undercover NSIB detective again met with Compton for the purpose of purchasing 10 Oxycodone pills from him. Compton arrived at the agreed upon meet location in the 7000 block of Main Street in American Canyon and sold the undercover detective 10 oxycodone pills at which time the NSIB arrest team moved in and arrested Compton without incident. NSIB detectives then served a search warrant at Compton's apartment in the 900 block of Southampton Road in Benicia. Seized pursuant to the search warrant were additional prescription medications, methamphetamine, packaging materials, a digital scale, a shotgun, and a pistol with a high capacity magazine. Compton was booked into the Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC) for drug sales. More charges are expected to be filed related to the seizure of methamphetamine and firearms. As in many other parts of the country prescription drug abuse is also problematic in our community, putting strain on the abuser's families. Many of the prescription pain killers being abused are highly addictive and have a similar effect on the body to that of heroin.

NC2015-00112

On July 1, 2015, NSIB went to 100 block of Reed Circle, in the City of Napa, to serve an arrest warrant. Upon contacting the suspect he was found to be in the company of others and smoking methamphetamine in the presence of the suspect's four year old son. The suspect and both visitors were found in possession of more methamphetamine. Child Protective Services (CPS) responded and assisted with the investigation and to ensure the child was cared for in a safe environment. The 3 male suspects were arrested and booked into NCDC.

NC2015-00123

On July 30, 2015, Detectives with the Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) conducted a probation search of Sadie Francis at her residence in the 3700 block of Oxford Street in the City of Napa. Detectives seized marijuana being grown in the back yard, processed marijuana and evidence consistent with the illicit manufacture of concentrated cannabis in the form of Butane Honey Oil (BHO) from the garage. BHO labs have been tied to numerous fires and explosions in our region in the past year including an apartment fire on the Silverado Trail in Napa. Manufacturing BHO in residential areas is a cause for concern because of the fire hazards in close proximity to area residents and children.

During the course of the probation search, Detectives recovered evidence linking Francis, her two sons Raymond and Kevin Francis, and Francis's boyfriend Kevin Sours, with the illegal manufacture of BHO and marijuana cultivation. NSIB Detectives arrested and booked all four at the Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC). Francis was booked on an additional charge of violating the terms and conditions of her probation.

NC2015-00126

On Tuesday, August 4th, 2015, Detectives with the Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) culminated an undercover investigation into allegations that 27 year-old Napa resident David Sanchez

was actively selling methamphetamine in the City and County of Napa by serving a search warrant at his residence in the 200 block of Valley Oak Drive in Napa. As a result of the search warrant, NSIB Detectives seized almost ½ pound of methamphetamine, more than 2 ounces of cocaine, over \$3,900 cash in suspected drug proceeds and additional evidence linking Sanchez to the sales of meth and cocaine in Napa. Detectives arrested and booked Sanchez into the Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC) on drug sales-related offenses.

The estimated street value of the seized meth is almost \$8,000 and the cocaine is in excess of \$6,000, if sold by the gram (common sales amount). The amount of methamphetamine seized was enough to impair almost 2,000 people, and cocaine almost 600 people.

NC2015-00152

On September 17, 2015, the Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) culminated a marijuana-related investigation with the service of a search warrant in the 2300 block of Barry Street, in the City of Napa, and the arrest of 25-year old resident Vincent Stegall on a host of drug-related charges. During late summer and early fall, NSIB receives numerous quality of life complaints concerning the obnoxious and pungent odor of budding marijuana, large marijuana plants hanging over fences accessible to area children in residential neighborhoods, and the like. Over the past several years NSIB has responded to such quality of life complaints and determined a significant number of the backyard growers are drug dealers attempting to hide behind the veil of “medical marijuana” under the “Compassionate Use Act.” To resolve these types of quality of life complaints, NSIB employs a number of traditional and non-traditional investigative techniques.

Use of such investigative techniques led to the issuance of a search warrant for Stegall’s home in the 2300 block of Barry Street in South Napa. On serving the search warrant, NSIB Detectives contacted and detained Stegall in possession of marijuana, and found him to be growing twenty-two (22) marijuana plants in the backyard of the home along with medical marijuana recommendations. NSIB has learned drug dealers often post fictitious and expired medical marijuana recommendations to cover their drug dealing operations. A further search of the residence yielded glass pipes specifically used for smoking methamphetamine and evidence of sales and manufacturing of marijuana and butane honey oil (BHO). BHO is concentrated cannabis extracted from marijuana plants through the chemical synthesis of infusing butane, also known as lighter fluid. The process, as one can image, is highly flammable and explosive and has resulted in a number of documented fires and explosions in homes and apartment buildings in our region.

At the time the search was served a 7 year-old minor receiving after school care was present. NSIB is following up with Napa County Child Protective Services to ensure the child receives care in a safe, drug free environment.

NSIB arrested and booked Stegall at the Napa County Department of Corrections for cultivation of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale, and manufacturing a controlled substance, all felonies.

NC2015-00155

On September 23, 2015, the Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) arrested 55 year-old Rodney Bush at his residence in the 2900 block of Redwood Road in the City of Napa for drug charges and an outstanding arrest warrant from a 2014 NSIB case. During late summer and early fall each year, NSIB receives numerous quality of life complaints concerning the obnoxious and pungent odor of budding marijuana, large marijuana plants hanging over fences accessible to area children in residential

neighborhoods, and the like. Over the past several years NSIB has sought to address such quality of life complaints and determined a significant number of the backyard growers are drug dealers attempting to hide behind the veil of “medical marijuana” under the “Compassionate Use Act.” To resolve these types of quality of life complaints, NSIB employs a number of traditional and non-traditional investigative techniques. Use of such investigative techniques led to the issuance of a search warrant for Bush’s home in the 2900 block of Redwood Road in North Napa. On serving the search warrant, NSIB Detectives contacted and detained Bush. Bush was again growing marijuana at his residence. Detectives also found evidence of marijuana sales and manufacturing butane honey oil (BHO) at the residence. BHO is concentrated cannabis extracted from marijuana plants through the chemical synthesis of infusing butane, also known as lighter fluid. The process, as one can image, is highly flammable and explosive and has resulted in a number of documented fires and explosions in homes and apartment buildings in our region. NSIB arrested and booked Bush at the Napa County Department of Corrections for cultivation of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale, and manufacturing a controlled substance, all felonies. NSIB Detectives also booked Bush on his outstanding arrest warrant from their 2014 case.

NC2015-00161

During the month of October 2015, the Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) culminated an undercover investigation with the service of a search warrant at a residence in the 500 block of Evelyn Circle in Vallejo, the arrest of 56-year old resident, George Lee, seizure of ¾ lb of crystal methamphetamine, approximately 1 lb of processed marijuana, a marijuana grow and 1 loaded handgun.

During the course of the investigation, NSIB Detectives investigated allegations that a resident or residents of the home in the Crest area of Vallejo were involved in trafficking methamphetamine in Solano and Napa Counties. NSIB’s investigation resulted in the issuance of a search warrant for George and Marie Lee’s residence.

On October 9th, 2015, NSIB served the search warrant at the Lee’s home. In total, NSIB Detectives recovered approximately ¾ lb of crystal methamphetamine packaged for sale, approximately 1 lb of processed marijuana, a marijuana grow in the backyard, security system including surveillance cameras, additional evidence of drug trafficking, and a loaded .32 caliber Kel-Tec pistol next to the Lee’s bed. George Lee is a convicted felon.

NSIB Detectives arrested George Lee and booked him into the Solano County Jail on drug and weapons charges. Marie Lee was not present during the search warrant. NSIB Detectives later found and interviewed Marie Lee regarding the investigation and are submitting the case to the Solano County District Attorney’s Office for review and potential criminal filing.

The amount of methamphetamine seized could have impaired approximately 3,600 people.

NC2015-00163

During the month of October 2015, the Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) culminated an undercover investigation with the service of a search warrant at a residence on Independence Court in the City of American Canyon, the arrest of 58-year old resident Roberto Perdomo Serrato, and the seizure of over 4 ½ pounds of methamphetamine, over \$40,000 cash and 2 handguns.

During the course of the investigation, NSIB Detectives investigated allegations that a resident or residents of the home in American Canyon were involved in trafficking methamphetamine in Napa County. As the result of the investigation, including covert surveillance, Detectives presented evidence

of criminal wrongdoing to a Judge with the Napa Superior Court who issued a search warrant. On Thursday, October 15th, 2015, NSIB Detectives served the search warrant at the home. Upon searching Perdomo Serrato's bedroom, Detectives found a statue of Jesus Malverde, known in the drug underworld to be the patron saint of drug traffickers on a dresser. In a drawer of the same dresser a semi-automatic handgun with ammunition was found. A K-9 with the Napa Sheriff's Department conducted a drug sniff of the bedroom and alerted on the presence of a controlled substances. In a nightstand near the bed, Detectives recovered approximately one (1) ounce of methamphetamine broken into what appeared to be ¼ ounce quantities and .38 caliber ammunition. An unloaded .38 caliber semiautomatic handgun was found tucked between the mattress and box spring. Approximately ¾ of a pound of methamphetamine was found concealed under the bed.

In the bedroom closet, NSIB Detectives located a cardboard box containing four (4) individually wrapped packages, each containing approximately 1 pound of methamphetamine. The packages were elaborately wrapped in multiple layers in an effort to thwart detection by law enforcement. The manner of packaging, including multiple odor-trapping layers of various materials, and weight of each package are consistent with methamphetamine smuggled directly across the border by drug trafficking organizations (DTOs). A further search of the same closet yielded clean packaging materials, a scale and over \$40,000 in US currency in suspected drug proceeds. Detectives seized the currency per asset forfeiture statutes.

Detectives arrested and booked Perdomo Serrato in the Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC) on drug and weapons charges. He is currently being held on \$1 million bail.

NC2015-00165

During the week of October 16th, 2015, Detectives with the Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) saw an ad on Craigslist by 31 year-old Vallejo resident Steven Alarcon promoting the sale of a pound of marijuana in the Napa and/or American Canyon areas. Acting in an undercover capacity, an NSIB Detective contacted the seller and negotiated the purchase of \$1,000 worth of marijuana in a public location in South Napa.

NSIB established surveillance in the parking lot where the drug deal was to occur. During the course of the drug deal, NSIB Detectives moved in and arrested Alarcon without incident. Alarcon was found to be armed with a loaded .22 caliber semi-automatic pistol hidden in his pants pocket. Detectives then searched Alarcon's car at the scene and seized a small amount of methamphetamine.

NSIB Detectives determined Alarcon lived in the 100 block of Gold Hill Way in Vallejo. After obtaining consent, Detectives searched his residence and seized a marijuana growing operation, additional marijuana, additional evidence of drug sales, more guns and a Butane Honey Oil (BHO) lab used to extract the psychoactive ingredient of marijuana. The BHO lab, as the name implies, uses a highly flammable substance commonly used as lighter fluid, to extract the concentrated cannabis.

Detectives booked Alarcon into the Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC) on drug and weapon offenses.

NC2015-00174

In the fall of 2015, agents with the Napa Special Investigations Bureau (NSIB) developed information that Custudio Lugo-Delgado, a 44 year-old Sonoma County resident, was supplying Napa County drug dealers with methamphetamine and cocaine. During the course of the investigation, an NSIB detective,

acting in an undercover capacity, was able to meet with, and gain the trust of Lugo-Delgado. On November 12th, 2015, Lugo-Delgado agreed to sell the undercover detective 2 ounces of methamphetamine, enough meth to impair approximately 570 people, in the parking lot of a business in the 900 block of Petrified Forest Road in Calistoga. Additional undercover NSIB detectives initiated surveillance on Lugo-Delgado and, with the assistance of the California Highway Patrol (CHP), were able to identify his residence in the 3900 block of Pyle Avenue in Santa Rosa.

On December 1st, 2015, the undercover NSIB detective again met with Lugo-Delgado at the same location in the City of Calistoga and purchased ½ ounce of cocaine and 1 ounce of heroin from him. During this drug deal, Lugo-Delgado's 40 year-old girlfriend, Aida Rivera, drove him to the meet location. Using 1/10th of a gram a dosage unit for cocaine, the quantity purchased could have impaired over 140 people. Using 10 mg as a dosage unit for heroin, this quantity could have impaired approximately 2,500 people. After selling cocaine and heroin to the undercover detective, assisting NSIB detectives covertly followed Lugo-Delgado and Rivera to a Sonoma County casino.

As the investigation progressed, NSIB detectives followed Lugo-Delgado and Rivera to an apartment in the 200 block of East Shasta Street in Orland, Glenn County.

On December 16th, 2015, NSIB secured search warrants for Lugo-Delgado, his residence in the 3900 block of Pyle Avenue in Santa Rosa, and the apartment in the 200 block of East Shasta Street in Orland.

On the same date, Lugo-Delgado agreed to sell the undercover NSIB detective 4 ounces of methamphetamine (capable of impairing approximately 1,100 people), 1 ounce of cocaine (capable of impairing approximately 285 people) and 1 ounce of heroin (capable of impairing approximately 2,500 people) for \$4,000. At approximately 5:30 PM, Lugo-Delgado arrived in the parking lot of the business in the 900 block of Petrified Forest Road in Calistoga. Lugo-Delgado's girlfriend, Aida Rivera, was again with him. After commencing the drug deal, NSIB detectives, assisted by detectives with the Napa Sheriff's Department, moved in, arrested Lugo-Delgado and Rivera, and recovered the methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin. In searching Lugo-Delgado and Rivera incident to arrest, NSIB detectives seized over \$4,400 in cash. Detectives seized the cash pursuant to asset forfeitures statutes.

After arresting Lugo-Delgado and River, NSIB detectives served the search warrants in Sonoma and Glenn Counties resulting in the seizure of approximately 6 pounds of marijuana, enough to produce over 5,400 marijuana cigarettes, from the Sonoma County address.

Lugo-Delgado and Rivera were booked into the Napa County Department of Corrections (NCDC) for drug sales-related offenses. Lugo-Delgado and Rivera were both released after each posted \$50,000 in bail.