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## **Cannabis Growers File Suit Against Sheriff D'Agostini & El Dorado County For Blocking Legal Cannabis Licenses**

November 16, 2021 - Placerville, CA - The El Dorado County Growers Alliance and legal commercial cannabis applicants filed suit (Docket No. 21CV0161 El Dorado County Superior Court) against Sheriff D'Agostini and El Dorado County for blocking legal cannabis licenses. November 2018 voters passed the commercial cannabis licensing program for El Dorado County by a 60% vote. After three years, El Dorado County has not issued one license under the measures passed by voters.

“The ballot measures require the Sheriff to comment on the criminal background of commercial cannabis applicants. His refusal to do his job effectively blocks cannabis cultivation licenses in the County,” says Rod Miller Executive Director of the El Dorado County Growers Advocacy Alliance. “We are asking the court to compel the Sheriff to follow state and county law,” asserts Miller. “The Sheriff can utilize information from cannabis CUP applications, third-party criminal record providers, or state licensing background checks. Instead, he is asking for information from the state and federal government that is constitutionally unavailable to him, or as the price of moving forward, for applicants to waive their constitutional rights, hence attempting to abuse applicants' rights of privacy. There are 10,000 cannabis licenses in California. The license approving local governments had no problems doing background checks or relying on the state background check for these businesses,” points Miller.

“The 2018 El Dorado County ballot measures approved 150 cannabis cultivation licenses and zero have been issued,” states Rod Miller Executive Director of the El Dorado County Growers Alliance. “In these difficult times, El Dorado County has forfeited 1000s of jobs and millions in tax dollars from the legal cannabis market,” points Miller. “The County is allowing the Sheriff to raid, ransack and take the cash of existing growers while he is blocking the legal licensing of growers,” says Miller

“The El Dorado County Board of Supervisors can easily remedy the problem,” asserts Miller

“The Sheriff does not accept that the cannabis prohibition that he promotes is the cause of crime. How much crime is there at the county's wineries,” asks Miller?

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