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TO: John Masterson, Chair, I-2 Community Oversight Committee
Jean Curtiss, Chair, Board of Missoula County Commissioners
Fred VanValkenburg, Missoula County Attorney

SUBJECT: Report of marijuana-involved incidents for the second half of calendar year 2007

The Missoula County Sheriff's Department has reported a total of 34 cases involving possession of marijuana or marijuana paraphernalia, or both, during the second six months of 2007. More than 81.5 grams of marijuana were seized and there were 10 seizures of small amounts of marijuana or residue that were not weighed. Marijuana paraphernalia was seized in 25 of the cases.

Alcohol was involved in 6 (18%) of the cases. Drugs other than alcohol were involved in 6 (18%) of the cases; all of which included methamphetamine.

The 34 cases resulted in 48 arrests and 4 citations. Of those, marijuana was the primary or sole offense in four (8%) of the arrests or citations. Of the 48 arrests, marijuana and/or paraphernalia was discovered during search incident to the arrest of 18 subjects (38%).

Of the 52 persons involved in these cases, 37 were male and 15 were female. 46 were adults and 6 were juveniles. 44 listed their ethnicity as white, one as Black, four as Native American and three were undetermined or undeclared.

Of the 34 cases, 12 occurred on public property and 22 on private property (including commercial establishments and trailer courts).

None of the cases involved marijuana as the primary reason for initiating contact. 7 of the cases were initiated by observed or reported traffic offenses, 5 during response to disturbances, 11 during service of arrest warrants, 3 during probation violation investigations and 8 during response to other complaints or ongoing criminal investigations of activity other than marijuana offenses.

A 10-page summary data sheet is included with this memorandum for your review. It includes additional details about each of the 34 cases for this reporting period.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any additional questions.

