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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 first half of calendar year 2007

The Missoula County Sheriff's Department has reported a total of 37 cases involving possession of marijuana or marijuana paraphernalia, or both, during the first six months of 2007. These cases resulted in 23 arrests, 18 citations and 6 warnings for the marijuana-related offenses. A breakdown of those offenses shows 28 misdemeanor possession of dangerous drugs, 26 misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia and 1 felony possession of dangerous drugs. 105.4 grams of marijuana were seized and there were 19 seizures of small amounts of marijuana or residue that were not weighed. Marijuana paraphernalia was seized in 26 of the cases.

Alcohol was also involved in 16 (43%) of the cases. Drugs other than alcohol were also involved in 4 of the cases.

Offenses not related to marijuana were charged in 31 of the cases (84%).

Of the 47 persons involved in these cases, 31 were male and 16 were female. 42 were adults and 5 were juveniles. 45 listed their ethnicity as white, one as black and one is undetermined or undeclared.

Of the 37 cases, 24 occurred on public property and 13 on private property (including commercial establishments).

18 of the cases resulted from observed or reported traffic offenses, 4 during response to domestic disturbances, 9 during response to other complaints, 3 during ongoing criminal investigations of activity other than marijuana offenses, 2 while investigating suspicious activity and 1 in which deputies observed behavior they believed to be a marijuana-related offense.

A 14-page summary data sheet is included with this memorandum for your review. It includes additional details about each of the 37 cases for this reporting period.

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