Cannabis Crimes and Cannabis Business

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City of Sacramento Cannabis Business Criminal Activity
Overview

• Current Trends – Increase in Cannabis related burglaries
• Cannabis Industry – soft targets, high yield, reduced criminal liability exposure
• What are YOUR security conditions (floor, not the ceiling): UL Alarm Standard, required PPO response, adherence to security protocol, safety meetings, etc..
• What are WE (police doing) doing
• Effectively stopping or mitigating the trend
Cannabis Business Burglary has increased 100% in Sacramento

It is not a matter of “IF” but “WHEN”
Burglary crews are organized, typically 5 or 6 (or more) persons with lookouts.
Targeted Cannabis Industry

- Evolving Industry without established standards
- Replenishing, non-traceable, highly valuable commodities
- Lower criminal liability if caught
- Lower community sympathy for victims (cannabis owners)
- Higher number of “inside informants” (bud tenders, etc.)
CUP Conditions

- UL Certified Burglary Alarm System: Standard 681 (94 pages):
  1. Increases layers of security EXTENT 2
  2. Slows down suspects
  3. Allows for PPO and/or Police Response (20 minutes for PPO)
  4. Specific deterrence
  5. General deterrence
  6. Required per your CUP conditions
Security Plans

- Security Plans are a condition of your CUP
- Annual approval through SPD CPTED office
- Monthly security meetings
- Designated safety officer
- Employee background checks
- Transfer of product / cash protocol
- STORAGE OF PRODUCT/CASH DURING NON-BUSINESS HOURS
- Delivery protocol and vehicle technology (camera systems, GPS, etc.)
Retractable Bollards to protect roll up doors
Secure Storage Rooms
Perimeter Security Alert Systems
Security safe(s) to be bolted down inside secure storage areas.

Secure storage rooms alone may no longer be sufficient to prevent theft of product.
24-hour On Site Security
Alarm Activation
Response Time

CUP conditions require a timely PPO response to an alarm activation not to exceed 20 minutes.
Cannabis Business Security Plans
Sacramento City Code 5.150. Cannabis Business Regulation

Security plan. A detailed security plan outlining the measures that will be taken to ensure the safety of persons and property on the business site. The security plan must be prepared by a qualified professional.

Lighting plan. A lighting plan showing existing and proposed exterior and interior lights that will provide adequate security lighting for the use.
The security plan MUST be prepared by a qualified professional (Qualified Manager of a licensed PPO or Certified Professional Designation from ASIS International).

Your security plan should include a bio that indicates that you are a qualified security professional (professional certificates, training, experience, etc).
Each individual license holder applying for a Business Operating Permit must have their own security plan for their cannabis business. (BOP conditions)

The applicant should provide you with a copy of these imposed conditions, and your security plan should indicate how these CUP conditions are being implemented at the site.
Your security plan should outline how the cannabis business is meeting Sacramento City cannabis business regulations.
Proposition 64 authorizes cities and counties to regulate marijuana businesses.

City of Sacramento regulates cannabis businesses according to Title 5 and Title 17 of the Sacramento City Code.

Some jurisdictions have lesser standards for approval.
Your Security Plan Should reflect the language of the CUP conditions and indicate how these conditions are going to be implemented.
Your security plan should reflect the requirements of Title 5 as it pertains to the specific type of cannabis business.
State of California
Cannabis Regulations

Ensure that your security plan is compliant with current California cannabis regulations.
An alarm system with a valid UL Certificate in accordance with ANSI/UL Standard 681-2014 (Standard for Installation and Classification of Burglar and Holdup Alarm), Extent Number 2 with line security.
Distribution
Vehicle
Security
Floor Plans
VASS Location

- Hallways
- Common Areas
- Break Rooms
- Blind Spots
What are we (police) doing?

- Increased patrols – marked and unmarked
- Statistical data tracking and analysis
- Adding and modifying conditions as needed
- Security plan workshops for vendors and business owners
- Continue to target illegal grows, store fronts, delivery, etc.
- Working with other LE agencies
How do WE succeed

- Better security measures: mechanical AND organized (short term)
- Best practices
- Incident reporting
- Information sharing
- More standardization