

From: [Rod Silva](mailto:Rod.Silva@wildblue.net)
To: [Planning Clerk](mailto:Planning.Clerk@co.humboldt.ca.us)
Subject: Fwd: Cannabis Permit Application 11892
Date: Wednesday, May 1, 2019 5:05:03 PM

Please find enclosed our complaint that was sent to the board of supervisors, John Ford, Stephen Luther, Warren Black, and the Humboldt County Sheriff. In addition to this we wish to bring to your attention the cover story in the current issue of the North Coast Journal titled, " To Stop a Heist, Inside the \$3 million plot to kidnap a Humboldt County pot grower." The grower identified in the article is Ivan Iliev, our neighbor at 9320 Wilder Ridge Road.

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Madrone, Steve" <smadrone@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Subject: Re: Cannabis Permit Application 11892
Date: April 30, 2019 at 1:28:15 PM PDT
To: Rod Silva <rsilva@wildblue.net>, "Luther, Stephen" <SLuther@co.humboldt.ca.us>
Cc: "Black, Warren" <wblack2@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Ford, John" <JFord@co.humboldt.ca.us>, "Fennell, Estelle" <EFennell@co.humboldt.ca.us>, HSO-MAILBOX <HSO@co.humboldt.ca.us>

To Whom it may concern.

I am very concerned about the incidents of violence in our communities. Permitting grow activities on farms that have a history of this violence is not something I can support. Thanks for your consideration. Steve

Steve Madrone
County of Humboldt
Supervisor, District 5
(707) 476-2395

From: Rod Silva <rsilva@wildblue.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 25, 2019 9:54:44 AM
To: Luther, Stephen
Cc: Madrone, Steve; Black, Warren; Wilson, Mike; Bass, Virginia; Ford, John; Bohn, Rex; Fennell, Estelle; HSO-MAILBOX
Subject: Cannabis Permit Application 11892

April 24, 2019

Stephen Luther
Planner, Humboldt County Planning Department

Dear Mr. Luther,

We are in receipt of the County's notice, dated April 4th, 2019 which we only received recently. The notice is for an application for a conditional use permit for 22,000 square feet of existing mixed light cannabis cultivation by Big River Farm LLC in connection with APN 108-023-008, owned by Wilder Ridge LLC from New Jersey.

This letter shall serve two purposes: First to object to the permit for reasons stated below.

Second to place the County on notice that should it grant a permit to APN 108-023-008 for cannabis cultivation we and adjacent neighbors shall hold the county liable for any harm caused to neighbors' persons and/or proper

On November 27, 2018 in the 4100 block of Wilder Ridge Road authorities conducted a raid on an illegal grow. Some 16,000 pounds of processed marijuana were seized and several arrests were made the nationality of which was Bulgarian. Days after that raid there was a gun fight which took place on our property APN 108-023-013 adjacent to the driveway of property APN 108-023-008. The residents of APN 108-023-008 are Bulgarian. The day of the gun fight there were several vehicles parked at the driveway entrance of APN 108-023-008 as though they were trying to prevent someone from entering APN 108-023-008. There were also vehicles parked across the street from APN 108-023-008. Gunfire erupted. There were people hiding behind vehicles on both sides of the road shooting at each other. We learned from a deputy at the sheriff's office in Garberville, Officer Nathan Cumbow, that a Bulgarian was hospitalized for gun shot wounds around the same time of this gun fight. He refused to reveal the circumstances of his injuries.

This kind of violence is enough to deny any permit. Known or suspected violence must be as important as any environmental concerns the county may have when considering to issue a permit for cannabis cultivation.

Additionally we believe the work conducted on APN 108-023-008 in the recent past is possibly unpermitted and has impacted the neighboring Bear Creek watershed. The King Range drains into Bear Creek which is a salmon habitat. Its entire course is pristine and very uninhabited with a few exceptions. APN 108-023-008 is one of those exceptions. After the last storm of this season we saw sedimentation so severe in Bear Creek that we have not seen during the entire 15 years we have lived here. We feel that 22,000 square feet of cultivation will have a severe detrimental impact on the Bear Creek watershed.

Rod Silva
Mark Hilovsky

Cc: Federal Bureau of Investigation
California Bureau of Cannabis Control