

Costa Mesa joins forces with state cannabis enforcement authorities to shut down illegal operation

On Thursday, March 28, 2019, the Cannabis Enforcement Unit, which is made up of the city's Code Enforcement Unit, the Costa Mesa Police and the Bureau of Cannabis Control, served a search warrant on "Costa Mesa Beach Buds," an unlicensed cannabis dispensary located in Costa Mesa.

The Bureau of Cannabis Control is part of the state's Department of Consumer Affairs.

The search warrant was served at 1651 Placentia Ave., which resulted in the seizure of over \$1.4 million in cannabis products.

The enforcement action is part of the city's ongoing partnership with the state to track down and close these illicit facilities.



"Illegal dispensaries harm and burden surrounding business owners and taxpayers," Mayor Katrina Foley said. "Allowing

them to illegally operate in the city creates an unfair advantage over our lawfully permitted green zone businesses. We are so grateful for the efforts of the Bureau of Cannabis Control to address illegal dispensaries in Costa Mesa.”

All commercial cannabis activity in California requires a state-issued license from one of the state’s three cannabis licensing authorities.

Costa Mesa Beach Buds is one of seven dispensaries the city has shut down for illegal operations. Click here for a list of dispensaries currently under investigation.

Selling cannabis goods without a state license is a violation of state law.

To file a complaint against illegal activity, click here – https://bcc.ca.gov/consumers/file_complaint.html.

To check and see if a cannabis retail location is licensed, visit www.CApotcheck.com.