



## **OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF** **TRINITY COUNTY**

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**PRESS RELEASE**  
**July 14, 2016**  
**TCSO Case Number: N/A**

On Thursday, July 14, 2016 at approximately 7:00am Trinity County Sheriff's Dispatch was notified by a Trinity County Sheriff Deputy working with Campaign Against Marijuana Planting (CAMP) in a remote undisclosed location eradicating marijuana that K9 Officer Johnny had been stabbed and needed medical attention. K9 Johnny had entered the marijuana grow with his handler when multiple suspects started to flee the area. Johnny was able to apprehend one suspect who Officers detained and then went after the second suspect who was carrying a 10 inch knife and pistol. The second suspect stabbed K9 Johnny in the left side of his neck with the 10 inch knife and fled into the woods. Officers recovered the knife and pistol but were not able to locate the second suspect. The first suspect was identified as Clemente Lopez, DOB: 2/23/84 from Mexico.

The California Highway Patrol helicopter was able to pick up K9 Johnny and his handler and transported them to the Weaverville Airport where they were transported to a local animal hospital. K9 Johnny is stable and suffered a severe laceration to the left side of his neck. We will keep you updated on K9 Johnny's prognosis.

**Agency's involved:**

Trinity County Sheriff's Office  
Campaign Against Marijuana Planting (CAMP)  
California Highway Patrol (CHP)