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## **Press Release**

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NEWS ADVISORY

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### **Marijuana grow eradication**

DAYTON – On Tuesday September 20 2016 the Columbia County Sheriff's Office with the help of the Garfield County Sheriff's Office, Walla Walla County Sheriff's Office, Washington State Patrol, US Forest Service, and DEA eradicated a marijuana grow operation in the Blue Mountains outside of Dayton. Over 2300 plants were seized and destroyed with an estimated street value of over 2 million dollars. The eradication is the culmination of a multi-agency investigation over the past couple of months. Although the investigation is still active, the decision was made to eradicate the plants prior to the opening of the fall hunting seasons.

As this is still an active investigation, no other information will be released at this time.

