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This news release is being disseminated for the West Sound Narcotics Enforcement Team

Narcotics investigation leads to search warrant seizure and arrest

Mason County, Wash. -- As part of an on-going investigation into illegal narcotics activity, detectives with the West Sound Narcotics Enforcement Team (WestNET), together with deputies from the Kitsap County and Mason County Sheriff's Offices, served a search warrant at a residence on West Beeville Road in Mason County.

The warrant service resulted in the seizure of approximately 60 pounds of marijuana, with an estimated street value of more than \$100,000. One adult male who lived on the property was arrested and booked into Mason County Jail. Detectives are continuing the investigation with additional arrests possible. Mason County Sheriff's K-9 "Kona" assisted with the search of the property.

WestNET is a multi-agency narcotics task force hosted by the Kitsap County Sheriff's Office. Participating agencies include the Bremerton Police Department, Kitsap County Sheriff's Office, Mason County Sheriff's Office, Port Orchard Police Department, Poulsbo Police Department, Shelton Police Department (Mason County), special agents from the Naval Criminal Investigative Service and a sergeant from the Washington State Patrol. Its mission is to disrupt and reduce mid-to-upper level drug traffickers and manufacturers in the region, support counter-drug efforts of other law enforcement agencies, and aggressively investigate those persons responsible for controlled substance violations.

Citizens with information about marijuana growers, drug dealers or other narcotics related activity may call WestNET at (360) 337-7064. All callers can remain anonymous.

For callers in the North Kitsap, Bainbridge Island, Olalla and Mason County, WestNET has a toll free number: 1-800-585-TIPS (8477).

The State of Washington offers a 24-hour marijuana hotline number for information leading to the arrest of marijuana growers. All calls are confidential and may result in rewards up to \$5,000. This number is 1-800-388-GROW (4769).

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