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**Charges Dismissed as Shooter in Marijuana Grow Case Acted in Self
Defense**

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On August 28, 2011, the Shasta County Sheriff's Office was called to a shooting at a Marijuana grow located in Montgomery Creek. When they arrived they found that Todd Finch had received a single gun shot to the left shoulder. Finch was transported by helicopter to Mercy Medical Center where he was treated for his injury.

That same night, John Hexum and Andrew Quinones reported that their friend Todd Finch had been shot by Terrence Seed after a physical and verbal altercation. Hexum reported that the fight was about how Seed had been treating those who were working at the grow site.

The same night, Seed was located and arrested. Seed refused to give any statement at the time of his arrest.

During the investigation, Shasta County Sherriff's Detective Brian Jackson collected the cell phones of witnesses. Those cell phones were examined and text messages on Finch's cell phone were located containing information that Seed was going to be attacked. These text messages were sent to another person not at the location and were sent minutes before the shooting.

On October 15, 2011, Terrence Seed agreed to be interviewed by law enforcement. He told detectives that on the night of the shooting, he had a normal discussion about the marijuana harvest with Finch, Hexum, and Quinones. Later that same evening, Seed and Finch had an argument about Finch keeping a handgun, a 38 caliber revolver, for protection after Finch and Hexum had been discharging firearms on the property. Seed stated a short time later he was attacked by Finch who struck him in the head with a handgun. Seed reported that Finch and Hexum punched and kicked him while Seed was on the ground. Seed reported that Hexum

strangled him and at one point he thought he was going to die. Seed stated he looked for a rock on the ground to use in defense. Seed stated he located the handgun on the ground that had fallen during the struggle. Seed attempted to fire a warning shot, however the gun would not fire. Seed stated Finch yelled at Hexum that Seed had the gun. Hexum and Seed then struggled for the handgun and during this struggle the handgun fired subsequently hitting Finch who was standing over Seed.

Finch, Hexum and Quinones have departed Shasta County and have made no further efforts to be available for interviews regarding the shooting or to be witnesses in this criminal case.

Ultimately, it was determined that Seed acted in self defense when he shot Finch. Accordingly, charges against Seed will be dismissed.

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