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Early this morning Narcotics Bureau detectives received information from Sheriff's Department Aero Bureau personnel of a possible outdoor grow located in the hills above Pathfinder Regional Community Park, in the unincorporated area of Rowland Heights. Marijuana Eradication Team (MET) personnel followed up on the information and hiked into the area where the marijuana had been spotted. Detectives discovered a small encampment and marijuana plants in various stages of growth.

Although many grows are in areas which are accessible to the public, this grow is unique in that it was nestled on a hillside between a residential neighborhood and a public park.

Each year members of the MET team along with members of the United States Forest Service, Drug Enforcement Administration and Campaign Against Marijuana Planting (CAMP) work together to locate and rehabilitate outdoor areas which have been used to grow illegal marijuana, throughout the County of Los Angeles and National Forest lands, by removing marijuana plants and the waste utilized to facilitate these "gardens." Many of the methods utilized to grow marijuana, on both public and private lands, are hazardous and toxic to the environment due to the illegal pesticides and fertilizers utilized.

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