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NEWS RELEASE

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CAL FIRE Law Enforcement Makes Felony Arrest

Butte County- On Sunday, July 13, 2025, a vegetation fire occurred on Gold Run Court in Oroville, burning approximately 1/4 acre of grass. CAL FIRE Law Enforcement determined the fire was caused by an overloaded electrical panel connected to an illegal marijuana cultivation operation.

Officers discovered the property housed approximately 4000 square feet of grow structures with unsafe and overloaded electrical wiring. The suspect, identified as Jiaxin Deng, was located nearby and later admitted ownership of the property.

Deng was arrested and booked into Butte County Jail for recklessly causing a fire (PC 452(c)). A request was made for no bail to preserve evidence pending a search warrant.

The Butte County Sheriff's Special Enforcement Unit was notified and assisted with the investigation regarding the illegal marijuana cultivation.

CAL FIRE Law Enforcement takes great pride in its strong partnership with the Butte County Sheriff's Office and the Butte Unit Fire Prevention Bureau. This partnership plays a critical role in successfully investigating and arresting suspects in felony arson cases across the county.

If you have information about arson activity, contact the Butte Unit Fire Prevention Bureau at 530-538-7888 or the Statewide Arson Hotline at 1-800-468-4408.

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