

Marijuana crop seized

A score of law enforcement officers seized more than 2,000 mature marijuana plants from a remote brushy area just south of the Riverside County line yesterday.

Authorities said the tree-size marijuana plants had been detected by aerial searches in rugged De Luz Canyon. They were of superior quality and had a street value of \$27 million, they said.

Four documented farmworkers from Mexico were arrested during the raid on the Tenaja Truck Trail. The arrests were made after a search warrant was served by the Sheriff's Department.

Taking part in the bust were officers from the San Diego County Integrated Narcotics Task Force, the Sheriff's Department, the DEA, the Border Patrol and the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

This was the second major marijuana raid in the De Luz Canyon area in three weeks. On Sept. 15, 3,000 marijuana plants were chopped down and hauled away by law enforcement officers about 10 miles north of Fallbrook.

Also, two other marijuana raids have been made recently on large-scale growing operations in the Jamul area.