

Drug

Eight Arrested In Double Sweep

Drug Dens Raided

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In almost simultaneous actions, local lawmen Thursday swept down on two alleged drug dealers' dens.

State narcotics agents, members of the district attorney's office and sheriff's deputies knocked at the door of a home at 5020 E. Walnut Ave., Soquel, about the same time another group of deputies were finding marijuana and narcotics at a marijuana farm in the Santa Cruz mountains, according to Sheriff's Sgt. Dick Damon.

Lawmen went to the Soquel house after state narcotics agents acquired a search warrant.

"We had information that the people in that house were deal-

ing in massive quantities of dope," Deputy District Attorney Dale Dawson, who went on the raid, said.

Marijuana and dangerous drugs worth more than \$2,000 were seized in that raid and five people were arrested, two of them juveniles, Damon said.

Booked on charges of possession of marijuana and dangerous drugs for sale were Nancy Belinda Nelson, 18, and Michael Newhall Letton, 22, both of 5020 E. Walnut Ave., and Patrick Lee Arko, 19, 340 Berkeley Way.

Two 16-year-old youths were booked into juvenile hall on possession of dangerous drugs charges, Damon said.

Meanwhile, in the Santa Cruz Mountains, six deputies searched a house located on a Christ-

mas tree farm, off Bear Creek Road.

"Is this a warrant?", a pretty brunette asked Sgt. Jim Marston, as she stared at the legal document. Investigators had been taking pictures of a patch of marijuana for nearly two weeks and had used the photos as evidence in order to get the warrant.

"You mean all you have to have is suspicion to get one of these," she demanded. The warrant's legal wording uses the phrase "probable cause to believe."

Marston told her he was sorry, but he had legal right to search. The first run-through was hasty. The plot of ground earlier photographed had been

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Ben Seibel, sheriff's scientific investigator, stuffs five-foot-high marijuana plants into a plastic bag during a raid on a marijuana farm off Bear Creek Road in the Santa Cruz mountains. The drying marijuana was found in a boarded off

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