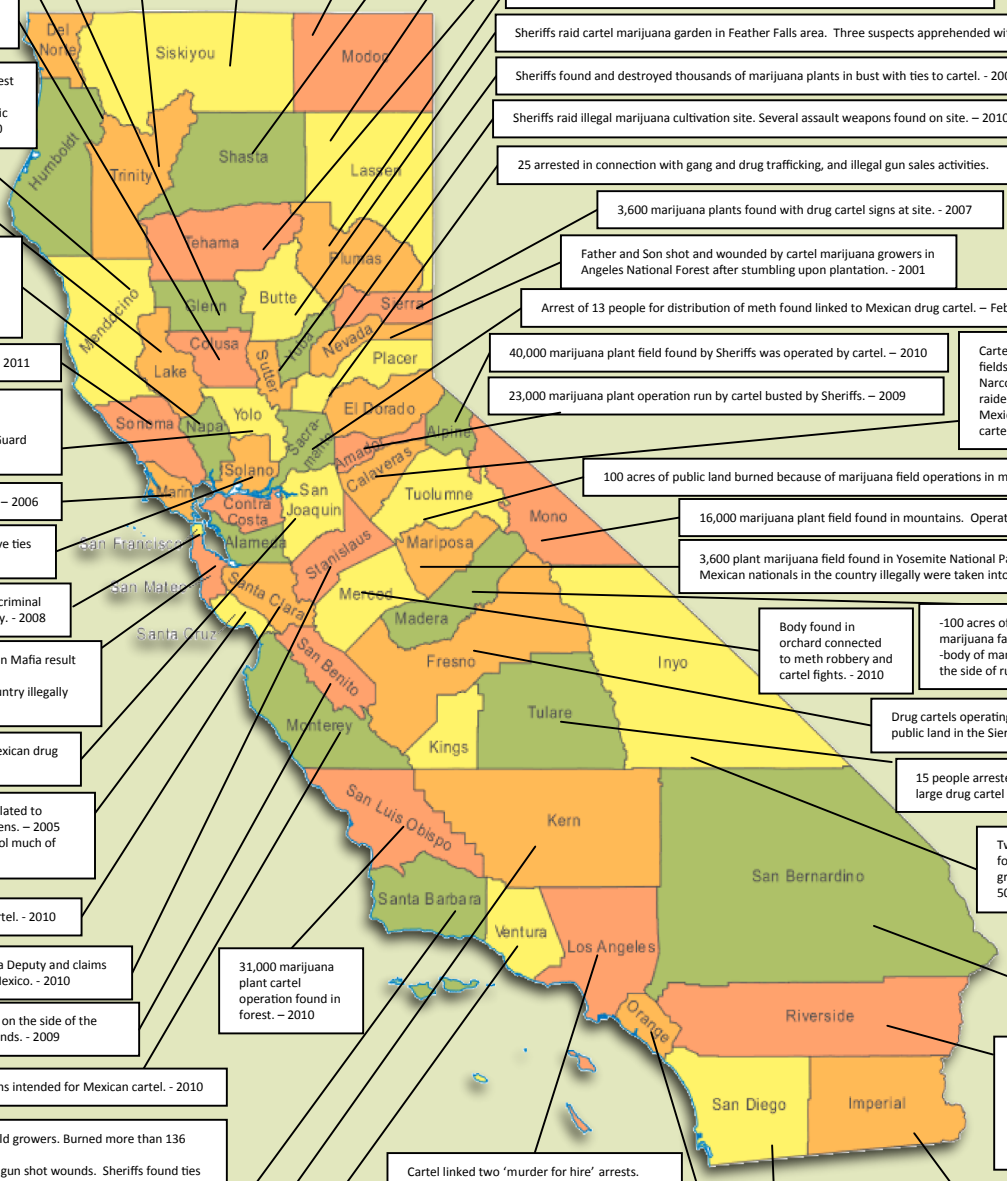
Mexican Drug Cartel Crime and Violence within California



Gun fight between growers and Sheriffs. - 2002

Marijuana plantation growers with illegally obtained guns and ammunition found growing on public land - 2010

Only county to not have reported cartel related criminal activity.

Cartel run grow house busted and found to have high powered rifles and guards.
County Sheriffs issued reverse 911 call to residents to warn them of armed marijuana growers in the forest and to avoid going onto public land. - 2010

Two charged with shoot at law enforcement to protect their marijuana garden in National forest -

-Three Mexican nationals arrested at drug house have ties to cartel. – Jan,. 2011
-Marijuana fields found in forest.

Mexican drug cartels rule our local forests – 2006

Sheriff shot by Mexican national during marijuana growing operation raid on National forest land. - 2002

A geology student accosted at gun point for being near a marijuana field. - 2007

Van found with 209 lbs. of processed marijuana linked with cartel. - 2010

Sheriffs raid cartel marijuana garden in Feather Falls area. Three suspects apprehended with AK-47s. - 2003

Firefighter shot at by marijuana growers in forest while trying to fight fire. – 2008
Sheriffs run in with marijuana growers on public land who were found with 165 firearms. - 2010

Sheriffs found and destroyed thousands of marijuana plants in bust with ties to cartel. - 2008

Sheriffs raid illegal marijuana cultivation site. Several assault weapons found on site. – 2010

Body found near marijuana grow site with several gun shot wounds. – 2008

25 arrested in connection with gang and drug trafficking, and illegal gun sales activities.

3,600 marijuana plants found with drug cartel signs at site. - 2007

Woman hit and loses legs from drunk driver found to be here illegally and was out on probation from another DUI incident. – 2008
Law enforcement confrontation with armed marijuana growers linked to cartel. - 2010

Father and Son shot and wounded by cartel marijuana growers in Angeles National Forest after stumbling upon plantation. - 2001

Arrest of 13 people for distribution of meth found linked to Mexican drug cartel. – Feb 2011

Several cartel linked marijuana fields found. - 2011

40,000 marijuana plant field found by Sheriffs was operated by cartel. – 2010

Cartels growing marijuana fields in mtns. – 2003
Narcotics Enforcement raided meth lab ran by Mexican national linked to cartel. - 2008

-Cartel gang member convicted in murder and robbery and threatening witnesses. – 2010
-two cartel gang members jumped a National Guard soldier and stole his wallet. - 2009

23,000 marijuana plant operation run by cartel busted by Sheriffs. – 2009

100 acres of public land burned because of marijuana field operations in mtns. By cartel. -2007

Pot farms linked to cartel ravaging park lands. – 2006

16,000 marijuana plant field found in mountains. Operated by Cartel. - 2009

55.000 marijuana plants operation found to have ties to Mexican cartel. - 2010

3,600 plant marijuana field found in Yosemite National Park by Sheriffs. Two Mexican nationals in the country illegally were taken into custody. - 2010

Father and two sons murdered by illegal alien criminal who was protected from deportation by the city. - 2008

Body found in orchard connected to meth robbery and cartel fights. - 2010

-100 acres of forest burned after marijuana farm caught fire. – 2007
-body of man tied to cartel found on the side of rural road. - 2010

-Violence between Nuestra Familia and Mexican Mafia result in a large number of deaths. – 2008
-70 lbs. of heroin found in car of man in the country illegally and tied to Sacramento Street Gang. - 2009

Drug cartels operating marijuana fields on public land in the Sierra Mtn. range. - 2009

County Narcotics Task Force busted major Mexican drug trafficking ring. – Feb 2011

15 people arrested in connection with large drug cartel trafficking ring. 2009

-Marijuana farms found in Santa Cruz Mtns. Related to Cartel violence with local hikers and DFG wardens. – 2005
-Mexican and Salvadoran gangs found to control much of drug trade and dealing in county. - 2010

Two burned bodies found near marijuana grow site with over 50,000 plants. - 2007

Drug bust of 500 lbs. of meth linked to cartel. - 2010

Man stopped for traffic violation threatens a Deputy and claims to be affiliated with violent drug cartel in Mexico. - 2010

31,000 marijuana plant cartel operation found in forest. – 2010

Cartel affiliate opened fire on officers raiding a marijuana farm in foothills. - 2007

Body of known cartel affiliate found on the side of the road. Cause of death: gun shot wounds. - 2009

County detectives seized 12 firearms, thousands of dollars, and more than 800 lbs. of processed marijuana in raid linked to cartel. -

Two men caught manufacturing assault weapons intended for Mexican cartel. - 2010

-Fire found to be started by cartel marijuana field growers. Burned more than 136 square miles. - 2009
-Body of illegal alien found in sleeping bag with gun shot wounds. Sheriffs found ties to cartel. – 2007
-89,000 acres of La Brea Fire found to be sparked by cartel marijuana growing operation. – 2009

Cartel linked two 'murder for hire' arrests. Assault rifles, 1,000 rounds of ammunition, and about $20,000 in cash found at scene. – Feb 2011

Man arrested for two counts of conspiracy to commit murder and 43 other charges found to be connected to drug cartel. - 2009

Cartel marijuana fields found by Sheriffs and two deaths in shooting linked to cartel activity.

Dangerous street gang '18th St.' found to be directly linked with Mexican and Colombian drug cartel

58,000 marijuana plants seized from cartel forest operations.

27 people arrested on conspiracy and racketeering charges including murder, kidnapping, drug smuggling, and money laundering found to be connected with cartel. – 2010
-cartel linked in kidnap-murder ring that dissolved two victims in acid. Impersonated police officers to kidnap victims. – 2009
-Border Patrol Agent killed by illegal immigrants. – 2010
-woman brutally murdered with machete. Suspect at-large and has been caught frequently illegally crossing border. – March 2011