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Marijuana fields

ROSINVILLE (AP) — Three acres of well-tended marijuana fields containing as much of the drug as was confiscated statewide all last year have been discovered in a rural area of northern Dorchester County, authorities said.

The four fields, complete with irrigation wells and sprinkler systems, contained plants as tall as 15 feet and were discovered Wednesday in a farming area not far from the Orangeburg County line.

State Law Enforcement Division Capt. Steve Smith estimated the drug had a street value of \$20 million and said it could take authorities up to three days to chop down the plants, haul them away, weigh them and destroy them.

The first plot authorities found contained at least 100 pounds of marijuana, he said.

Authorities said they expected to make at least three arrests in the incident. They said the fields were on land that all belongs to members of the same family.

The marijuana fields were discovered by a SLED pilot flying over the area.

The plane had been called in to help with the search for three Harleyville residents missing since April 3.

Thirty-three-year-old Linda McCord, 32-year-old Sarah Boyd and her 2½-year-old daughter Kimberly were last seen April 3 leaving a church service in Walterboro.

The search for the trio was called off after the marijuana fields were found. SLED agents and Dorchester County sheriff's deputies who were conducting the search instead began the long job of chopping down the marijuana and hauling it away.

Reckless homicide

CHARLESTON (AP) — A 22-year-old New York man has been convicted of reckless homicide in the traffic deaths of a North Charleston couple last December.

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