



# Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office

## News Release

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### **Sheriff's Office Detective Sergeant Receives Coveted 30-Year Longevity Award**

**January 30, 2017**

Veteran Detective Sergeant Mike Gilley recently received the coveted 30-Year Longevity Award from the Siskiyou County Administrator. Detective Sergeant Mike Gilley has been a member of the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office (SCSO) for over 32 years. For over 25 years, Detective Sergeant Gilley has commanded the Department's Special Response (SWAT) Team, DIVE Team, and the Marijuana Eradication Team (MET). During the recent marijuana eradication season, Detective Sergeant Gilley led a special team made up of SCSO and Siskiyou County District Attorney investigators that formed the Siskiyou Unified Marijuana Investigation Team (SIMIT), which addressed a widespread illegal marijuana cultivation problem on various private property land parcels in Siskiyou County. SIMIT served 113 search warrants, mostly between July thru October 2016. SIMIT seized 11,470 illegal marijuana plants, confiscated 17,410 pounds of processed cannabis, 29 pounds of concentrated cannabis, 9 grams of methamphetamine, 27 firearms were seized, and four (4) "honey oil" or THC extractions labs were recovered. 24 arrests were made during marijuana eradication season but approximately 80 additional criminal complaints are pending review by the Siskiyou County District Attorney.

According to Sheriff Jon Lopey, "Detective Sergeant Gilley has been a true professional throughout his 32-year career with the Department, which involves field deputy and supervisory duties and numerous specialized functions as a skilled investigator. He and the Special Response Team (SRT) unit are the ones called out when armed suspects or extraordinary officer safety threats or danger to citizens are most prevalent. Detective Sergeant Gilley leads the only trained and equipped SRT unit in Siskiyou County. During his career, Detective Sergeant Gilley has seized well over 1 million illegal marijuana plants and billions of dollars' worth of illicit drugs. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated, skilled, experienced, and courageous law enforcement professional and leader working with the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office. The recognition he received from Siskiyou County officials is well-deserved and we salute him for his many years of faithful service with the Department, which often involved doing some of the most dangerous jobs in the law enforcement profession."