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District Attorney Donald A. du Bain announced today that his office hosted a one-day conference last Friday featuring representatives from federal, state and county law enforcement agencies regarding the investigation and prosecution of marijuana dispensaries. The conference was designed to bring together all local law enforcement agencies in Solano County that are charged with enforcing state laws regulating the distribution of marijuana.

Speakers included representatives from the United States Attorney's Office, U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, State of California's Franchise Tax Board and Board of Equalization, Orange County Sheriff's Office, Orange County District Attorney's Office, Solano County Counsel, and the Vacaville City Attorney's Office.

According to District Attorney du Bain, "Recent decisions by California appellate courts have varied in their interpretations of the medical marijuana laws, causing questions among law enforcement agencies on how to responsibly enforce these laws while protecting public safety. Today's conference focused on those enforcement efforts that have been most effective in protecting our communities from illegal marijuana dispensaries that operate outside the bounds of state and local laws that are intended to regulate them."

Vallejo Police Chief Joseph Kreins, who serves as Chief of the Solano County Law Enforcement Administrators' Association, added, "As law enforcement agencies, our goal is to protect our community from those individuals who blatantly operate criminal enterprises. Recognizing that the issues surrounding dispensaries are complex and constantly in a state of analysis and review, we are appreciative that the District Attorney has taken a leadership role in bringing local, state and federal agencies together to brainstorm potential solutions to this ever-changing situation."

Sheriff Thomas A. Ferrara concurred: "I applaud the leadership role District Attorney Don du Bain has taken to assist Solano County law enforcement agencies in honing our efforts to protect our community from illegal marijuana dispensaries. I believe that a unified response from local, state and federal law enforcement agencies will provide our best chance for success in combatting this problem."