

DECLARATION OF VALERIE CORRAL

I, Valerie Corral, hereby declare:

1. I am executive director of the Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana (W.A.M.M.) in Santa Cruz, California. W.A.M.M. is a cooperative organization in which 250 patients have been elected to participate. The patients who participate suffer from serious diseases and illnesses, including various forms of cancer, AIDS, Multiple Sclerosis, Glaucoma and Epilepsy. The majority of the patients are terminally ill. During the past year, forty patients died. When participants die, new patients can apply for election to participate. The goal of W.A.M.M. is mutual assistance among and between patients to alleviate the pain and suffering each is experiencing. Participants frequently serve as primary caregivers for other members.

2. I reside with my husband, Michael Corral, on a small farm near Davenport, California. For the past nine years, we have permitted the participants of W.A.M.M. to cultivate marijuana plants on our farm for their own medicinal use. Patients who have received a written recommendation of a physician in compliance with California law receive a weekly allotment of this marijuana in various forms for the relief of pain, nausea, loss of appetite and other symptoms or side effects of their medical conditions or treatment. Patients are not charged for the marijuana. The medical marijuana is consumed by the patients in their homes within Santa Cruz and adjacent Monterey and Santa Clara Counties. None of the medicinal marijuana is transported across state lines, or distributed to others who are not W.A.M.M. patients. W.A.M.M. is supported by voluntary contributions from patients and others, but the availability of medicinal marijuana for a patient is not dependent upon or related to their financial contributions. Donations of time

or money by patients are completely voluntary based upon a patient's own assessment of their ability. Patients assist in caring for and harvesting the plants to the extent of their physical ability. This activity is carried on with the knowledge and support of local government and law enforcement officials.

3. We maintain two residences on our farm. The patient records reflecting patient allotments and their participation in the activities and support of W.A.M.M. are maintained in our residences, as is some of the harvested medicinal marijuana and various preparations utilized by the patients. Our household bills, receipts and cancelled checks are also maintained in our residences, and numerous photo albums of W.A.M.M. participants and events. We occasionally welcome W.A.M.M. participants and other friends as house guests for overnight stays.

4. I am myself afflicted with epilepsy resulting from serious head injuries in an automobile accident. With the recommendation of my physician I use medicinal marijuana to control seizures. I maintain a small quantity of medicinal marijuana in both my residences for my own personal medical use, and cultivate my own plants at my home for my own personal medical use.

5. On the morning of September 5, 2002, I was asleep in my bedroom at the rear of the upper residence, when I was awakened by numerous loud footsteps and voices inside the house shortly after 7 a.m. I am a light sleeper, and would have heard any knocking or talking that preceded their entry to the house, but was aware of their presence only after they had opened the front door and entered the house. I walked out and around the exterior of the house to the front door, observing numerous men armed with automatic rifles inside the kitchen area of the house. I entered the front door and said, "what are

you doing here? Get out of my home.” They turned their weapons on me, and yelled, “Hit the floor, get down on the floor!” I said, “this is a medical marijuana garden. I want to see a search warrant.” They repeated, “get down on the floor.” I said I would sit down, that I wanted to see a search warrant. I was forcibly pushed down to my knees, then my face was shoved to the floor of the wooden deck at the front door, and my hands were cuffed behind my back. I felt a hard metal object at the back of my head. I was kept in handcuffs while the men searched the house. I repeated my request to see a search warrant and their badges, and was told to simply observe the printed words on some of their shirts, which read “police.” I was finally given a copy of the attached warrant [Exhibit A] two hours later.

6. Suzanne Pfeil, a patient and Board member of W.A.M.M., was a houseguest asleep in the front bedroom which is entered from the front deck near the front door of the residence. She is a paraplegic who can walk only with the assistance of braces, special shoes and canes. She suffers from high blood pressure and often needs oxygen to assist her breathing. The men entered her bedroom and, although she explained her medical condition to them, they forcibly restrained her with her hands cuffed behind her back. They conducted a search of her personal belongings in the bedroom. When she complained of heightened blood pressure and difficulty in breathing, they declined to summon medical assistance for her, but moved her to the lower residence.

7. During the course of the next four hours, the men searched every room in the house, and seized bags of marijuana containing the weekly allotment of numerous patients with their names printed thereon, empty allotment bags and envelopes with patients names thereon, our banking and telephone records, numerous paid and unpaid bills, lists of

patient names, and other records. They also seized records containing personal and medical information about the patient-members of W.A.M.M., a small quantity of medicinal hash oil, and an unloaded rifle and shotgun that were stored in an unoccupied upstairs bedroom. The rifle and shotgun were family heirlooms. Two other rifles stored in the same location were not seized. Seven marijuana plants that were growing in the garden adjacent to the residence were cut down and seized.

8. At approximately 11:30 a.m., still in handcuffs, I was placed in the back seat of an automobile and, with my husband Michael, transported to the federal courthouse in San Jose, California, where I was eventually released. The men were still searching our residences at the time I was removed. At the time of my release I was informed that the men were unable to leave the premises because a crowd of W.A.M.M. patients had gathered at our gate. I conveyed a request to the group to allow the agents to leave.

9. When we returned to our farm later that day, we discovered that more than 160 marijuana plants being cultivated for the medical use of W.A.M.M. patients had been cut down and removed. Without access to this medication, many of these patients will suffer serious medical consequences. They rely upon this medication to control seizures and intractable pain, to stimulate their appetite and avoid the "wasting syndrome" which afflicts AIDS patients, to control nausea caused by their cancer treatments, and for other relief recommended by their physicians. Many of these patients suffer from terminal illnesses, and will die a more painful death without access to their medication.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on the 24th day of September, 2002, at San Jose, California.

Valerie Corral