

AUG-11-2005 12:17

P.01/01

U.S. Department of Justice  
**Drug Enforcement Administration**  
Karen P. Tandy, Administrator  
www.dea.gov



**Statement**

Date: July 29, 2005  
Contact: DEA Public Affairs  
Number: 202-307-7977

**Statement from DEA Administrator Karen P. Tandy**  
*Major North American Marijuana Trafficker Self-Proclaimed "Prince of Pot" aka Marc Scott Emery Arrested Today*

"Today's DEA arrest of Marc Scott Emery, publisher of Cannabis Culture Magazine, and the founder of a marijuana legalization group- is a significant blow not only to the marijuana trafficking trade in the U.S. and Canada, but also to the marijuana legalization movement.

His marijuana trade and propagandist marijuana magazine have generated nearly \$5 million a year in profits that bolstered his trafficking efforts, but those have gone up in smoke today."

Emery and his organization had been designated as one of the Attorney General's most wanted international drug trafficking organizational targets – one of only 46 in the world and the only one from Canada."

"Hundreds of thousands of dollars of Emery's illicit profits are known to have been channeled to marijuana legalization groups active in the United States and Canada. Drug legalization lobbyists now have one less pot of money to rely on.

The mission of the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) is to enforce the controlled substances laws and regulations of the United States and bring to the criminal and civil justice system of the United States, or any other competent jurisdiction, those organizations and principal members of organizations, involved in the growing, manufacture, or distribution of controlled substances appearing in or destined for illicit traffic in the United States; and to recommend and support non-enforcement programs aimed at reducing the availability of illicit controlled substances on the domestic and international markets.