

Ken Lewis/Rogue River Police Dept. via AF This photo provided by Roque River Police Dept. shows marijuana plants inside a portable toilet.

### Man finds portable toilet filled with pot

ROGUE RIVER (AP) Police in the southern Oregon community of Rogue River say a man walking through a park discovered a portable toilet filled with marijuana plants.

The agency posted a photo on social media Wednesday, saying it's the largest seizure of pot the department has ever made.

Marijuana grows are common in southern Oregon, which has some of the nation's best conditions for outdoor cultivation.

Chief Ken Lewis said Thursday that police still don't know how the pot got there. He says it could be anything from a pick up point to a disgruntled citizen making a statement about all the marijuana grows.

Lewis said a public works employee checked the toilet three hours before the discovery was made and it was empty. People playing tennis on a nearby court saw nothing suspicious.

### **UO** seeks dismissal of athletes' lawsuit

EUGENE (AP) — It will be several weeks before the University of Oregon knows whether a lawsuit filed against the school by former student athletes will

be dismissed, according to the judge in the case.

U.S. District Judge Michael McShane said he will need that time to review all of the materials, including police reports, before making a decision, reported *The* Register Guard.

The University of Oregon argued in court Tuesday that the suit filed by three former UO basketball players should be thrown out.

Dominic Artis, Damyean Dotson and Brandon Austin sued the school after they were suspended and banned from campus for up to 10 years after being accused of raping a female student at an off-campus party. The university says the players violated the school's code of conduct by engaging in sexual acts without explicit permission from the woman.

The athletes acknowledged having a sexual encounter with the woman but say it was consensual. They also argue that UO denied them due process.

The Lane County District Attorney's Office reviewed the rape case but declined to prosecute due to a lack of evidence.

Austin filed a \$7.5 million lawsuit against the university in October, while Dotson and Artis filed a joint \$21 million lawsuit in March. The suits have been merged into a single lawsuit.

## Corrections

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# U.S. won't reclassify marijuana

Will allow more research into drug's medical uses

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration has decided marijuana will remain on the list of most-dangerous drugs, fully rebuffing growing support across the country for broad legalization, but said it will allow more research into its medical uses.

The decision to expand research into marijuana's medical potential could pave the way for the drug to be moved to a lesser category. Heroin, peyote and marijuana, among others, are considered Schedule I drugs because they have no medical application; cocaine and opiates, for example, have medical uses and, while still illegal for recreational use, are designated Schedule II drugs.

The Drug Enforcement Administration said the agency's decision came after a lengthy review and consultation with the Health and Human Services Department, which said marijuana "has a high potential for abuse" and "no accepted medical use." The decision means that pot will remain illegal for any purpose under federal law, despite laws in 25 states and District of Columbia that have legalized pot for either medicinal or recreational use.

Advocates have long pushed for the federal government to follow suit.

"If the scientific understanding about marijuana changes — and it could change — then the decision could change," DEA acting administrator Chuck Rosenberg wrote in a letter to the governors of Rhode Island and Washington, who sought the review of marijuana's classification in 2011. "But we will remain tethered to science, as we must, and as the statute demands. It certainly would be odd to rely on science when it suits us and ignore it otherwise.'

Rosenberg said designating mari-juana as a Schedule I drug does not necessarily mean it is as dangerous as other drugs.

"It is best not to think of drug scheduling as an escalating 'danger' scale — rather, specific statutory criteria (based on medical and scientific evidence) determine into which schedule a substance is placed," Rosenberg wrote.

The Food and Drug Administration said agency officials reviewed more than 500 studies on the use of medical marijuana, identifying only 11 that met the agency standards for "legitimate testing."

For various reasons, none of the trials demonstrated "an accepted medical use," the agency concluded.



Budtender Miles Claybourne sorts strains of marijuana for sale into glass containers at The Station, a retail and medical cannabis dispensary, in Boulder, Colo., Thursday.

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- Ron Wyden, U.S. Senator, D-Oregon

The FDA last evaluated marijuana for medical use in 2006 and said in its latest review that the available research "has progressed." but does not meet federal standards of safety or effectiveness.

While the DEA won't reclassify marijuana, the agency did announce plans to make it easier for researchers to study pot's possible medical benefits by expanding the number of entities that can legally grow marijuana for research purposes.

Currently only researchers at the University of Mississippi are allowed to grow marijuana, as part of a contract with the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

"While I haven't read it, the outcome is totally out of touch with the Justice Department, research, the medical profession, patients and the public. This is very disappointing," said former Washington Gov. Christine Gregoire, who requested the review.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., said the DEA's decision "is keeping federal laws behind the times."

"The DEA's decision flies in the face of choices made freely by voters in Oregon and many other states about the legality of marijuana," he said. Oregon legalized pot last year.

Obama administration's position on marijuana started to ease in earnest in 2013 when the Justice Department notified Colorado and Washington, the first two states to

legalize pot for recreational use and sales, that it would not interfere with state laws so long as the drug was kept out of the hands of children, off the black market and away from federal property.

Advocates saw that policy statement as the first step to an end of the federal prohibition of marijuana.

But that hope was quickly diminished as administration officials, including the head of the White House-run Office of National Drug Control Policy, repeatedly said publicly that they still considered marijuana a dangerous drug that had no place in the legal market.

Thursday's announcement was another blow to those hoping the federal government would change pot

"In reality, marijuana should be descheduled and states should be allowed to set their own policies," said Michael Collins, deputy director of national affairs for the Drug Policy Alliance, which supports marijuana policy reform. Collins said he considered the DEA's decision to be one that puts "politics above science."

Thursday's ruling has no impact on banking rules for legal marijuana businesses. In 2014 the Treasury Department gave banks permission to do business with legal marijuana operations with conditions, including that they try to make sure that customers complied with state regulations.

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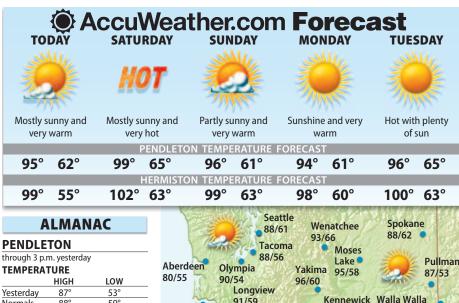
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Coastal Oregon: Areas of low clouds and fog, then sunshine today.

Eastern and Central Oregon: Plenty of sunshine today; very warm across the north.

Western Washington: Mostly sunny today,

but areas of low clouds and fog at the coast.

Eastern Washington: Mostly sunny today. Mainly clear tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow.

Klamath Falls

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Cascades: Mostly sunny and warmer today. Mainly clear tonight. Mostly sunny Northern California: Clouds, then sun at the

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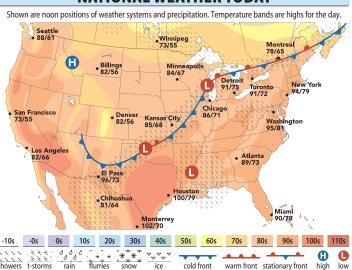
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## NATIONAL WEATHER TODAY



National Summary: Heavy thunderstorms will continue to drench the Northeast and central Gulf Coast today. Locally severe storms could ignite from the Great Lakes to the central Plains. Spotty storms will dot the High Plains.

Yesterday's National Extremes: (for the 48 contiguous states) High 107° in McAllen, Texas Low 30° in Stanley, Idaho

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