

MEDICAL MARIJUANA: The Dark Side of the Industry



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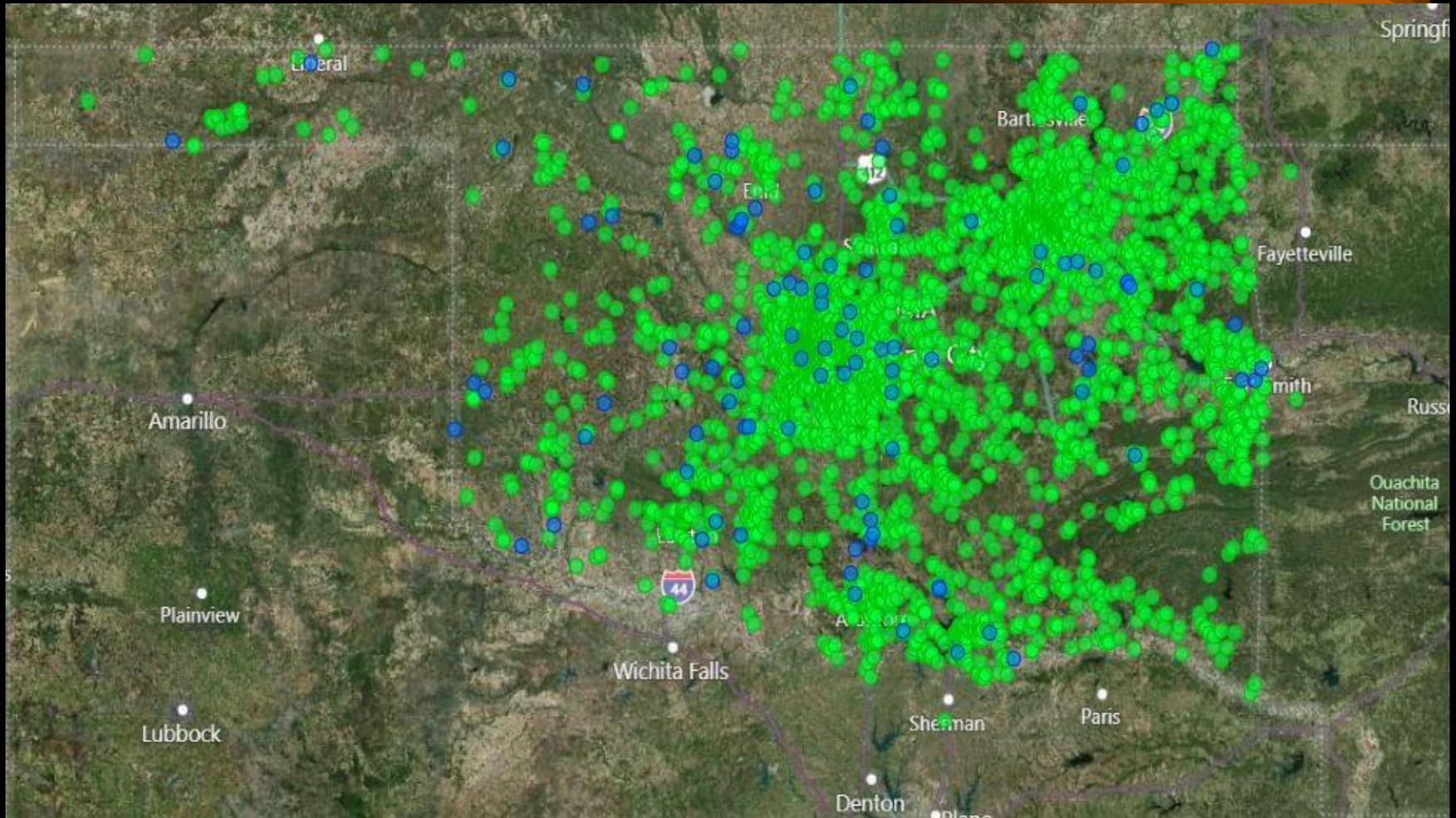
Manufacturers (*Grower/Processor*) **8,300**

Distributors (*Dispensary*) **2,300**

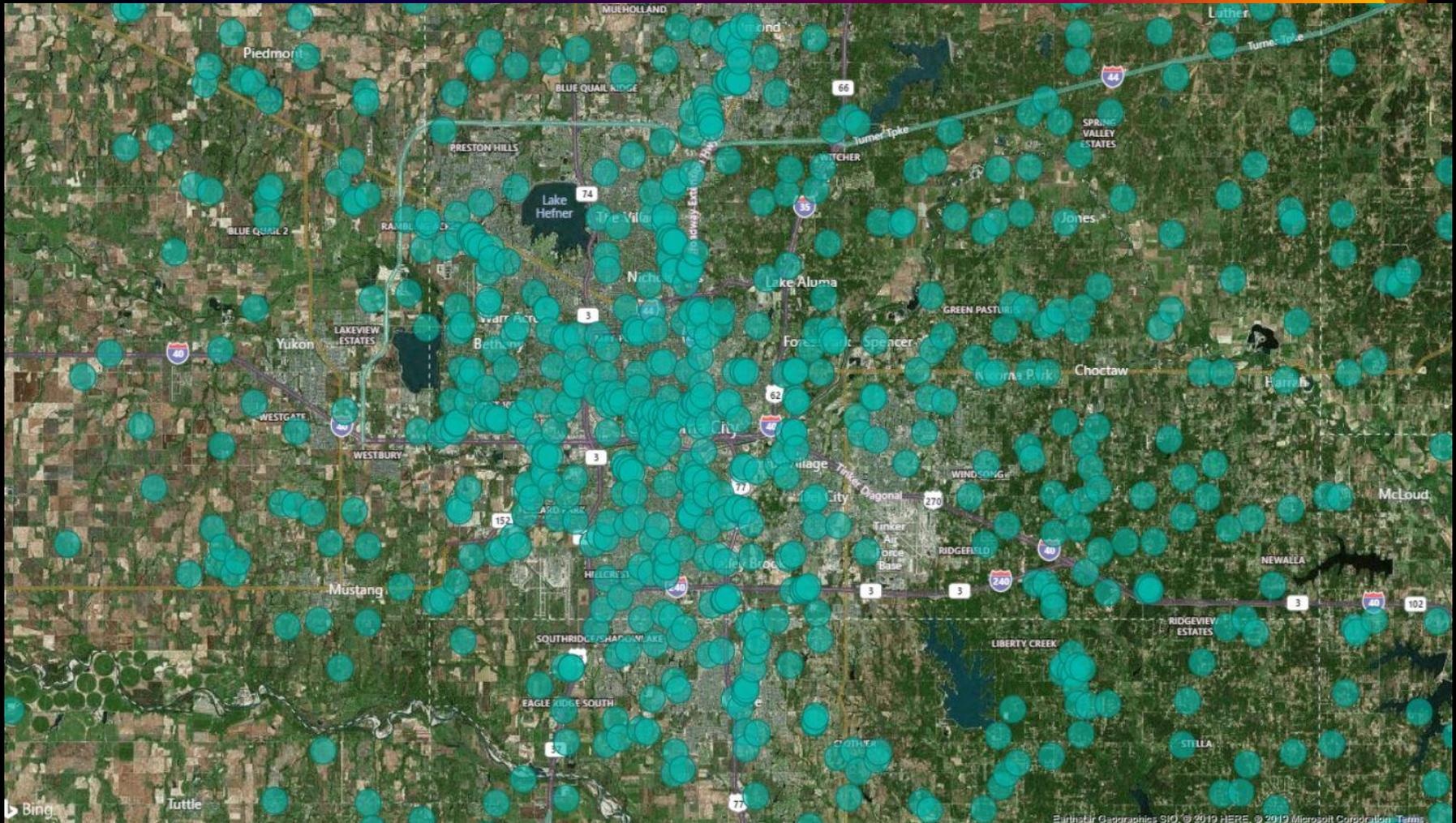


<u><i>STATES:</i></u>	<u><i>Dispensaries</i></u>
<i>Oklahoma</i>	2,300
<i>Colorado</i>	520
<i>California</i>	261
<i>Oregon</i>	560
<i>Washington</i>	103
<i>Alaska</i>	93
<i>Nevada</i>	61

Oklahoma Licensed Growers

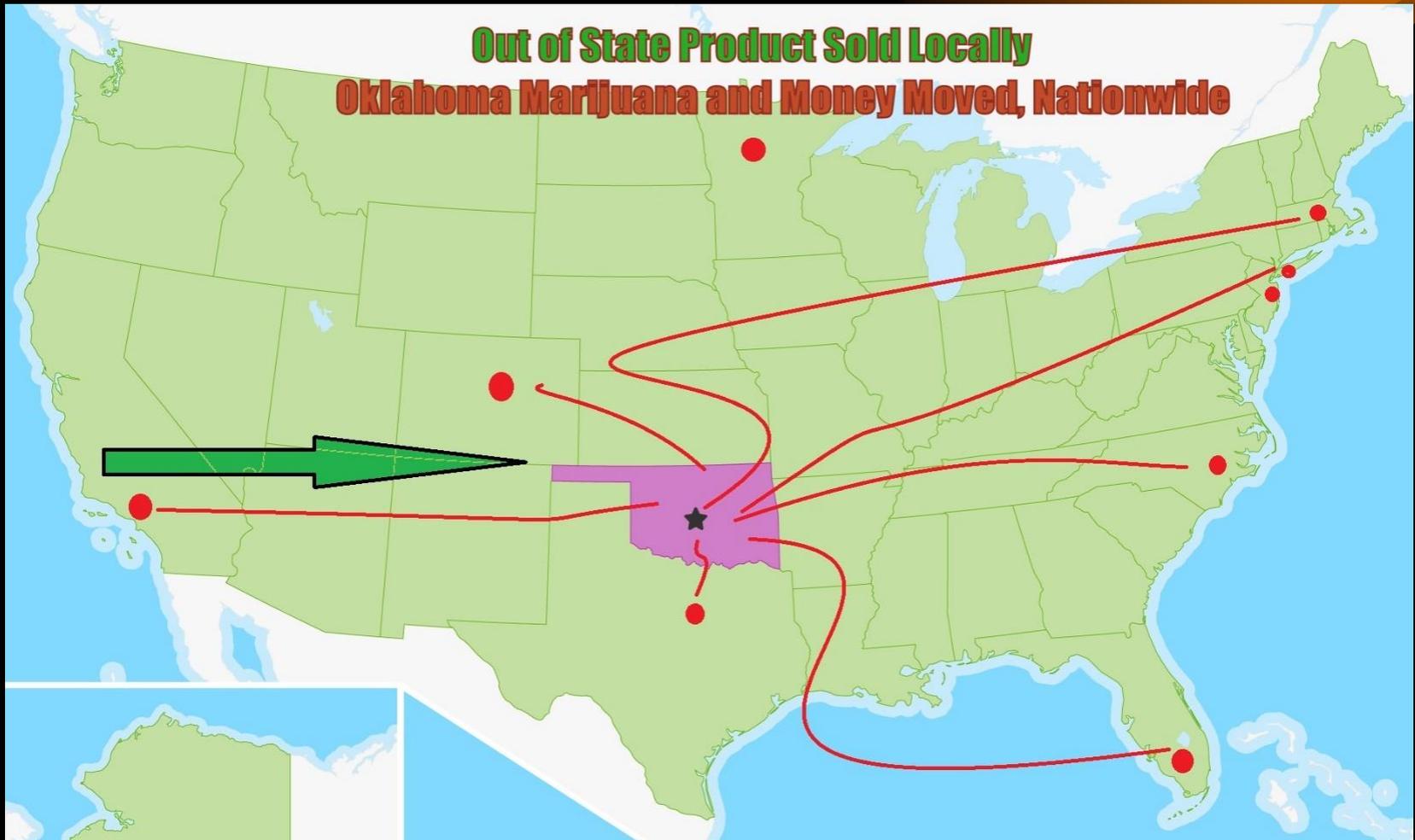


Oklahoma County Licensed Marijuana Grow Sites



The 3 Prime Crimes:

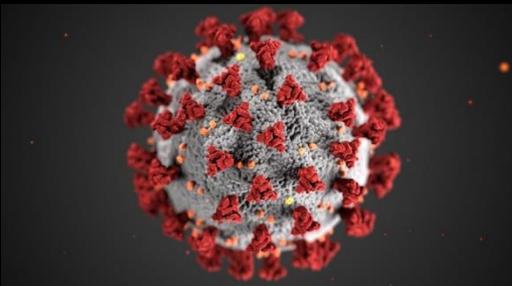
- Out-of-State Product sold locally
- Unlicensed Growers
- Licensed, but illegal DTO/CMLO Growers



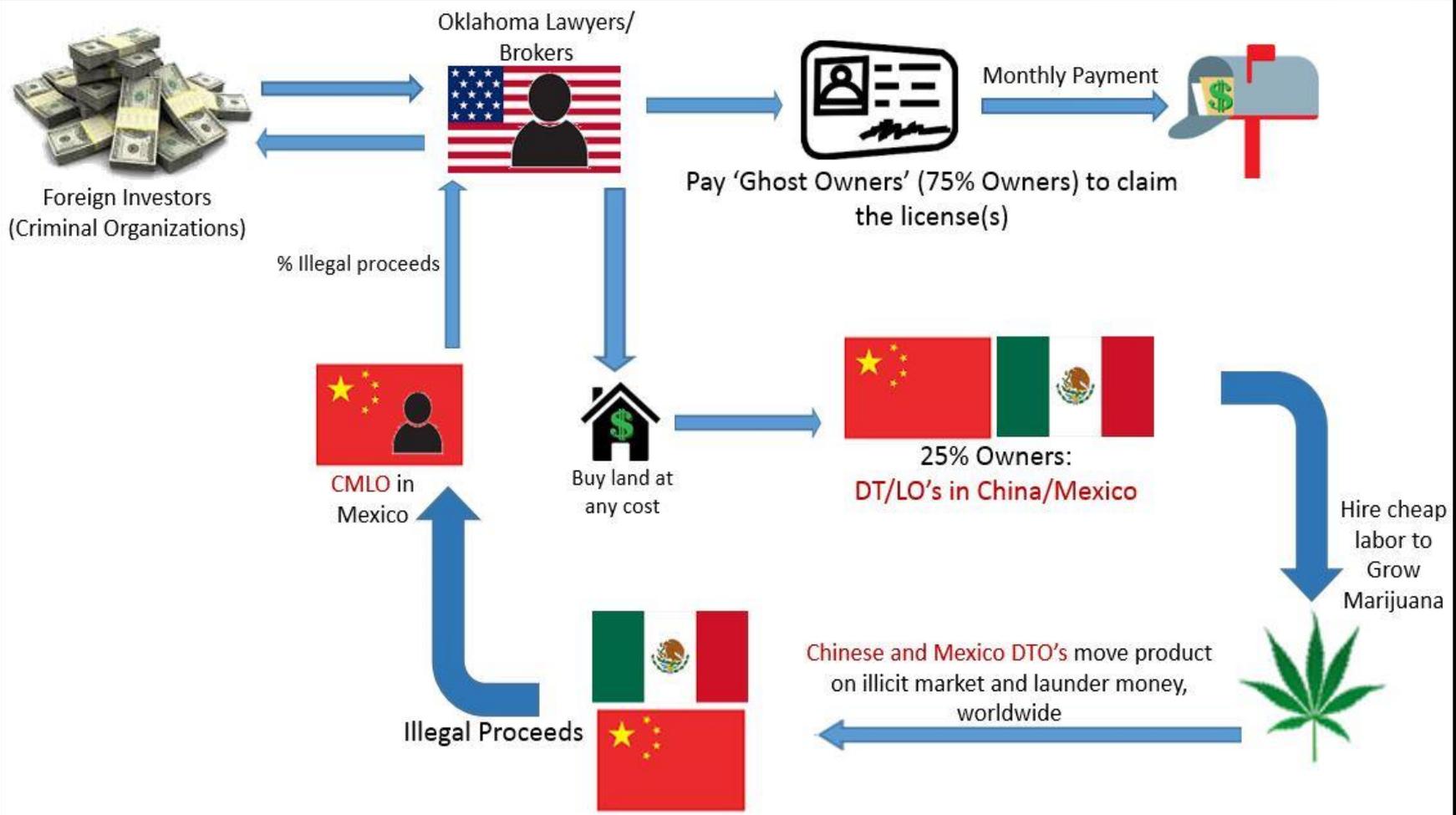


Why Oklahoma?

- Covid Lock-Down
- Cheap License
- Cheap Land
- Loose Regulations



Oklahoma's "Ghost Owner" Structure



Rogue Grows

- Harm to Property Values
- Hurt legal industry
- Threat of Violence



One dead, one wounded in late-night shooting

Body discovered at marijuana grow operation near Center

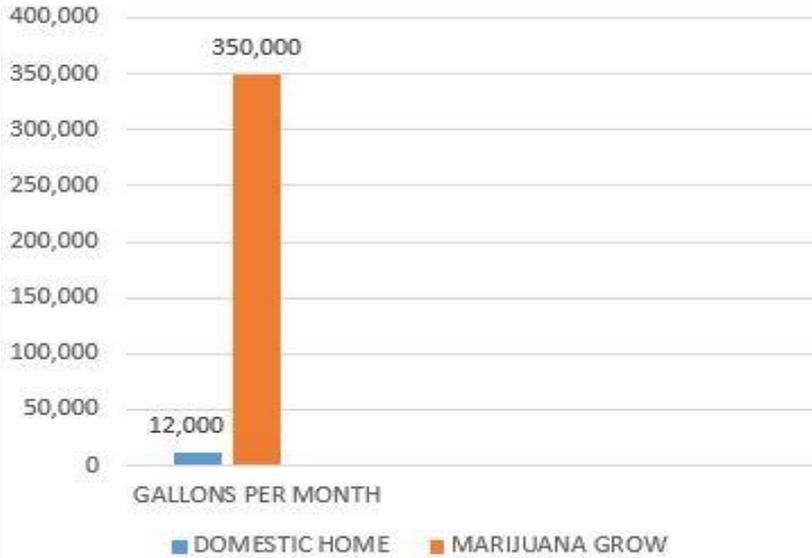
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- Environmental Contamination



GROW OPERATION MONTHLY WATER USAGE



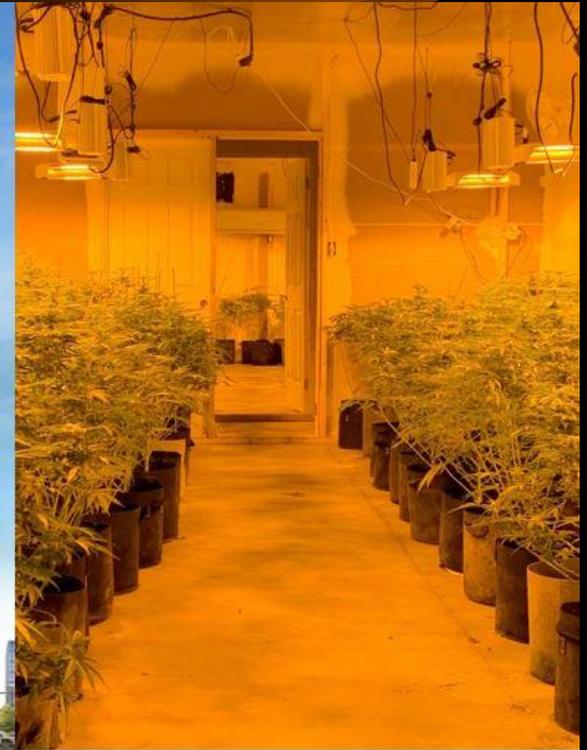
Water Supply Strain and Theft



Strains on Power Grids



9 Watts/Square Foot



90 Watts/Square Foot

Faulty Wiring Fires



Explosive Materials On-Site



Labor Trafficking

Shiprock's former 'fields of green' flourishing in Oklahoma's pot-friendly economy

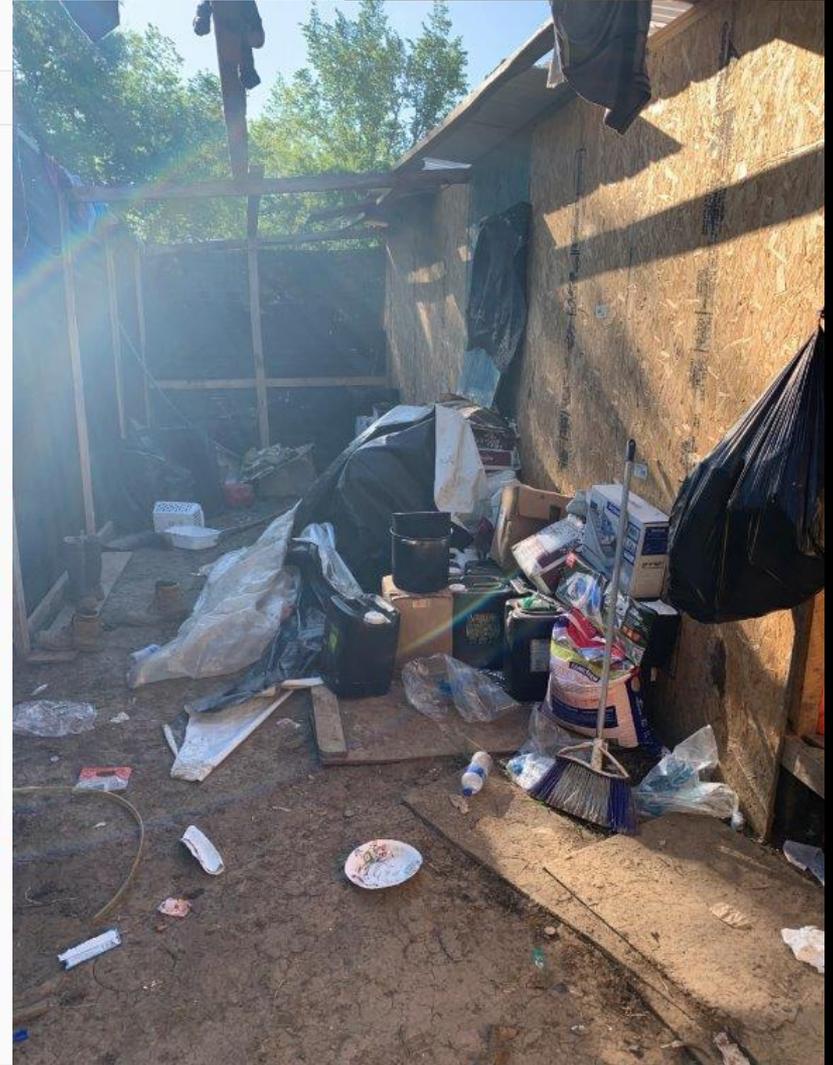
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COVID is pushing thousands of Chinese immigrant workers into the marijuana business—sometimes leading to exploitation and labor trafficking

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A marijuana worker is planting seedlings at a cannabis farm in Carter County, OK. (Photo: Photos by Wufei Yu/Searchlight New Mexico)



“Voiceless Victims”



Collateral Crimes



China-sourced Fentanyl: *Often sold on the streets in heroin or counterfeit prescription opioids*



Black-market Fentanyl pill-pressed and stamped with markings of Oxycodone Or pharmaceutical fentanyl



U-47700 "Gray Death"



Gelatin gummies



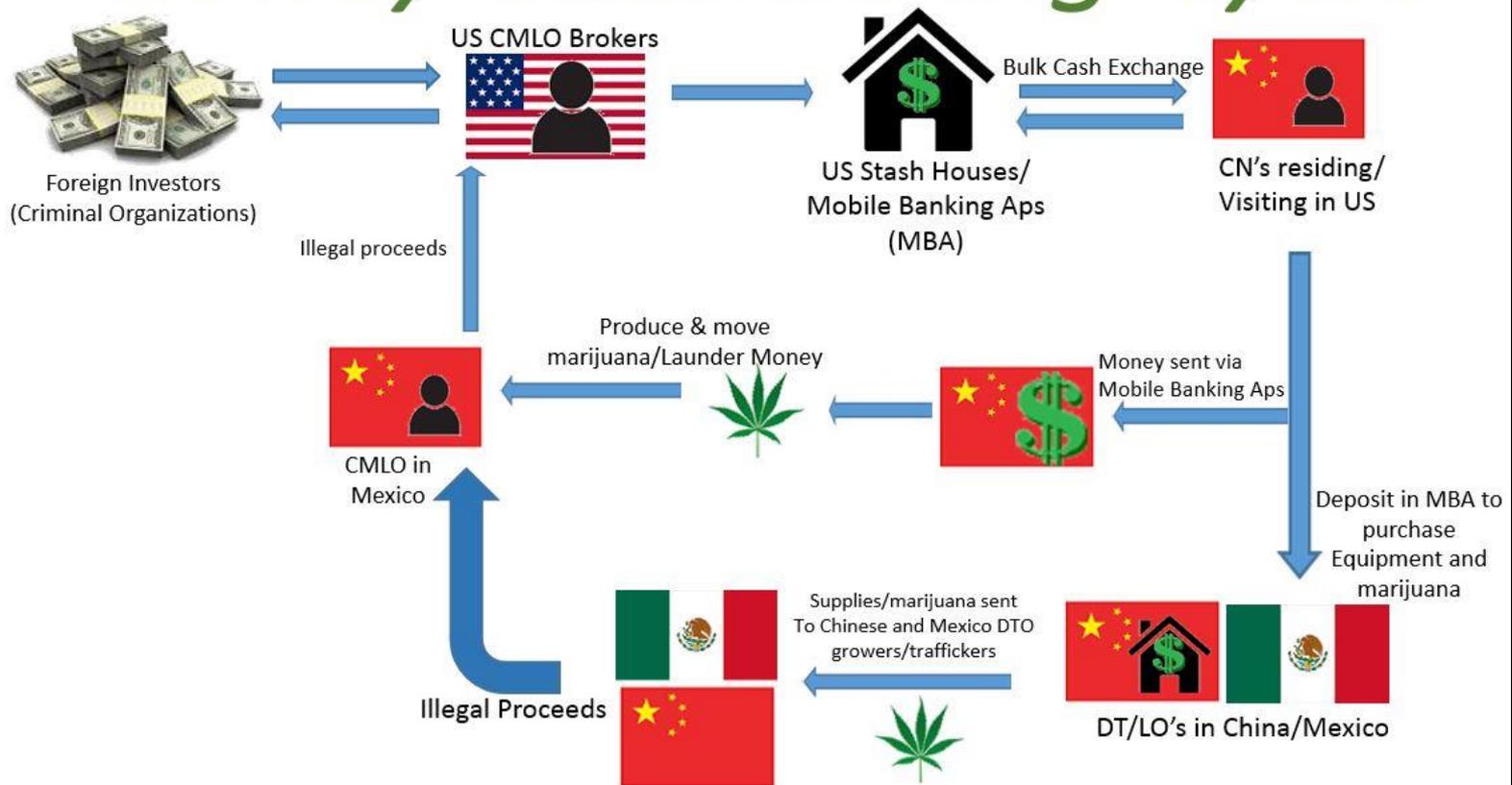
Liquid



U-47700 "Pink"

Complex Criminal “Micro Cells” in Oklahoma

Money Laundering Cycle



Abandoned Operations



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