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Guards at Camp David 'Busted' on Pot Charge

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High in the mountains of Western Maryland, the President's military guard at Camp David has been "busted" for pot smoking.

The Pentagon announced yesterday that 46 of the Marine Corps and Navy personnel who provide security at the presidential retreat had been transferred to other assignments because an investigation uncovered the use of marijuana among them.

Not all of the 28 Marines and 18 sailors, assigned to the Naval Support Activity at Thurmont, Md., were alleged to have used marijuana, the Defense Department said. But transfers were ordered "because of the sensitivity of their assignment and the special clearance procedures followed in the selection of personnel for assignment to the facility."

"Some of the personnel

transferred admitted use of marijuana at some time during their assignment," the statement said. "Others were either suspected of use or provided information used during the investigation."

The Pentagon said the situation was first reported to Lt. Cdr. David B. Miller on April 27 by unit members who said they had seen the use of marijuana at the rustic post in the Catoctin Mountains.

Miller's informal investigation was followed by an inquiry by Pentagon investigators, completed Monday. Their report will be forwarded to Navy and Marine Corps officials for possible further action in the case.

"Commander Miller has advised Department of Defense officials that at no time was there a breach of Camp David security," the Pentagon said.