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Tallahassee Business Man Arrested in Marijuana Sting

Western Leon County- A Havana man has been arrested charged with Possession of Marijuana With Intent to Sell stemming from a month long investigation into drug dealing out of the Bait Emporium Store, 3475 Geddie Road.

In January 2007 Vice detectives received information that Patrick Barriball was selling marijuana from the business. Through surveillance and undercover operations, a search warrant was obtained for the business. Friday night, February 16, 2007, detectives served the search warrant. Four and one half pounds of Marijuana, over twenty-three thousand dollars, guns and related paraphernalia was seized in the warrant. The marijuana seized was from varying grades. Some was commercial grade; however, about a pound and a half of the marijuana was hydroponically grown. Hydroponically grown marijuana is a more potent form of the drug containing much higher concentrations of THC, the active ingredient.

Sheriff Larry Campbell said "this was a significant bust. This sends a clear message to our citizens that their complaints are not only investigated but can lead to significant cases".

The business is directly across the street from a place of worship.



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