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Neighborhood Grow Houses Busted

Killearn- Acting on a tip, LCSO Vice Detectives dismantled two large scale marijuana grow houses in a Northeast Leon County neighborhood.

The investigation began when a TPD Investigator received information of a suspected marijuana grow on Tommy Lee Trail in Leon County. Investigator Mike Randolph obtained vehicle registration information from the address associated to an additional address in the neighborhood and observed indications the information regarding the suspected grow was accurate. Investigator Randolph notified LCSO Vice of the information.

LCSO Vice Detectives went to Tommy Lee Trail address and through evidence developed, obtained a search warrant for the home. During the investigation Detectives also developed probable cause to obtain a search warrant for the second residence which was located on Lord Murphy Trail.

Upon serving the search warrants Detectives uncovered elaborate marijuana grows. The grow operations included nurseries for the immature plants, indoor irrigation systems, and artificial sun lighting sources. Also recovered in the search warrants was approximately fifty-five pounds of high grade marijuana.

Arrested in the investigation: Wilmaer Lopez, 11-30-78, Maikel Somora, 8-13-84, Wilfredo Lopez, 10-7-43, and Andeslay Rodriquez, 1-23-74. All were charged with Trafficking in Marijuana, Cultivation of Marijuana, Operating a Dangerous Drug House, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

The marijuana and marijuana plants seized in the investigation have a street value in excess of \$2.5 million dollars.

Sheriff Larry Campbell said "these types of grow houses started in South and Central Florida and are now springing up in our backyard. These operations and the subjects involved can be very dangerous because it is such a lucrative business".

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