



Milpitas Police Department

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PRESS RELEASE

ILLEGAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION SUSPECTS ARRESTED

Date: April 12, 2012, Thursday, 12:31 p.m.
Location: 1700 Block of Girard Drive
Case: 12-103-074
Suspect #1: Viet Nguyen, 30 year-old male, Santa Clara, California resident
Suspect #2: Su Lee, 33 year-old female, Santa Clara, California resident

On April 12, 2012, at approximately 12:31 p.m., Milpitas Police Department detectives planned to execute a search warrant at a residence on Girard Drive for an illegal marijuana cultivation investigation. Prior to executing the search warrant, Milpitas Police detectives stopped Viet Nguyen and his wife, Su Lee, as they left the residence on Girard Drive, so they could safely execute the search warrant.

A search of the residence on Girard Drive revealed the house had been converted into an illegal indoor marijuana growing operation. The interior of the residence had been modified to facilitate the cultivation of marijuana. The search of the residence produced 368 marijuana plants in different stages of growth. The seized marijuana has a street value of approximately \$500,000 dollars.

Both Viet Nguyen and Su Lee were booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail for illegal marijuana cultivation and theft of utilities.

The Milpitas Police Department would like to provide the following tips to landlords/neighbors regarding homes being used for the cultivation of marijuana: 1) Tenant paying in cash only, 2) Tenants changing locks and not providing access to your property, 3) Tenant/neighbor is never home, 4) Alternation to utility equipment at the property, 5) Additional ventilation added to the structure, and 6) Odor of marijuana emitting from the residence.

Anyone with any information regarding this investigation, Viet Nguyen, Su Lee, other marijuana cultivation locations, or other criminal activity occurring in this jurisdiction is encouraged to call the Milpitas Police Department at (408) 586-2400. Information can be given anonymously by calling (408) 586-2500, or via the Milpitas Police Department website at: http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/government/police/crime_tip.asp

By: Sergeant Raj Maharaj #216
Date: April 26, 2012 7:35 a.m.



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Suspect #1: Viet Nguyen



Suspect #2: Su Lee