PRESS RELEASE

MARIJUANA CULTIVATION ARREST

DATE:	February 26, 2014
LOCATION:	700-Blk Anacapa Ct., 2100-Blk Pedro Av., 100-Blk Jasmine Ct.
CASE #:	14-057-036
SUSPECT #1:	Bao Cao, 24-year-old, Milpitas resident
SUSPECT #2:	Thien Cao, 19-year old, Milpitas resident.

On February 26, the Milpitas Police Department SWAT team and detectives executed search warrants at three separate locations in the City of Milpitas as part of an extensive marijuana cultivation investigation. The locations were on Anacapa Ct., Pedro Av and Jasmine Ct. all of which are private residences.

During the operation, a suspect attempted to flee from the Pedro Ave. location but was apprehended by perimeter officers. A second suspect was located inside of the Anacapa Ct. residence and was taken into custody without incident.

A search of the three homes revealed over 2000 marijuana plants, grow lights, ventilation equipment and other growing accessories. The suspects also bypassed the PG&E meter and were stealing electricity to support their operation. Approximately 220 pounds of cultivated marijuana was found in addition to more than $15,000 cash. The seized marijuana had a street value of more than $2,200,000.00.

The suspects were identified as Bao Cao, arrested on Anacapa Ct., and Thien Cao, arrested on Pedro Av. Both suspects were booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail for cultivation of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sales, sales of marijuana, theft of utilities and conspiracy.

Anyone with any information regarding this investigation or other similar incidents occurring in our city is encouraged to call the Milpitas Police Department at (408) 586-2400. Information can be given anonymously by calling the Crime Tip Hotline at (408) 586-2500 or via the Milpitas Police Department website at:

http://www.ci.milpitas.ca.gov/government/police/crime_tip.asp

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