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Subject: Grow House Raided

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On 7/28/11, at about 2:30 PM, Investigators with the Eureka Police Department's Problem Oriented Policing Unit (POP) executed a search warrant at a residence on the 2500 block of Garland Street, Eureka. The warrant was obtained after the landlord reported finding an active marijuana grow in the residence during a visit there due to his tenants not paying their rent.

No one was home at the time the warrant was served. Investigators located and seized 32 maturing marijuana plants, approximately 3' – 4' in height in one bedroom and 34 small starter plants in an adjoining bathroom. (66 plants in total). In a second bedroom, investigators found pots for approximately 66 more plants that had been recently harvested.

Additionally, several hazards associated with the illegal grow were identified. The growers had cut holes through load bearing walls, floors, and ceilings for ventilation, electrical wiring, and watering. Several exterior doors and windows were boarded up, creating additional fire escape hazards. Officials with the Building, Community Development, and Eureka Fire Departments responded to the scene to assist. Due to the fire hazard from illegal wiring to power multiple grow lights and fans, the power meter was pulled.

The grow was determined to be well outside the provisions of Eureka's Medical cannabis Ordinance. Additionally, no valid Proposition 215 notices were posted or located in the residence.

Evidence pertaining to the suspects' identities was found inside the residence. The investigation is continuing and impending arrests are anticipated.

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