



EARLY MORNING CALL FOR SERVICE RESULTS IN 10 SUSPECTS BEING ARRESTED

January 27, 2021 – At approximately 12:30 AM, the Menifee Police Department (MPD) communications center received a call for service regarding a residential burglary in progress, in the 26300 block of Bailey Court. Initial responding officers arrived on scene and observed a male coming out of the residence along with signs of forced entry.

Officers requested the assistance of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department helicopter, Star-9. Star-9 arrived on scene and located a nearby van with a heat signature. Officers contacted the van and located six male subjects inside. The subjects were detained while officers determined if they were involved with the reported residential burglary. Other responding officers entered the residence to check for additional suspects and/or victims. While searching the residence, it was discovered the residence was being utilized as a large indoor marijuana grow house. An Asian male and female adult were located inside of the residence and were determined to be the occupants.

Officers later located a male hiding in the backyard next to the location. Officers also located a loaded handgun in the same backyard.

The investigation revealed the six males located in the van, the male seen leaving the residence upon officers arrival, and the male located in the backyard with the gun, arrived at the location with the intent to forcibly enter the residence. Upon entry into the home, they encountered the Asian male and female adult. The suspects stole property from inside of the home including cash and other items.

All eight suspects were arrested for home invasion robbery, conspiracy, and possession of stolen property. Additionally, the male in the backyard was charged with being a convicted felon in possession of a firearm.

MPD's Problem Oriented Policing Unit authored a marijuana cultivation search warrant for the residence. The search revealed 1,573 marijuana plants in various stages of growth along with a sophisticated lighting and ventilation system. The Asian male and female were arrested for illegal cultivation of marijuana. Their identities are not being released due to them being the victims of the home invasion robbery.

The suspect leaving the residence upon officers' arrival was identified as Vincente Huerta Lara from Richmond. The six suspects located in the van were identified as Jose Urenacanedo from Richmond, James Cash from Sacramento, Miguel Ochoa from Richmond, Salvador Hernandez from Richmond, Jose Mejia from Richmond and Deandre Hamilton from Richmond. The suspect found hiding in the backyard with the handgun was identified as Manuel Alvarez from Richmond. (see booking photos below)

Pat A. Walsh
Chief of Police



Our Code Enforcement team responded to the location and found multiple municipal code violations. The residence was deemed to be uninhabitable and was red tagged.

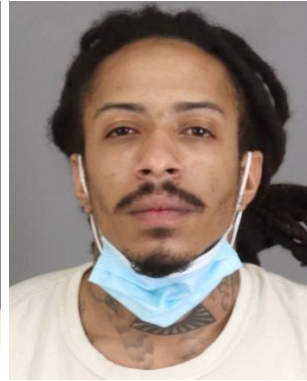
MPD will remain committed to seeking out all criminal offenses which include illegal marijuana cultivation. Illegal marijuana grows pose a significant public safety concern. They can become the target of criminals looking to steal the marijuana, and cash that is commonly associated with the grows, evident by this case. They also pose a significant public health concern due to chemicals used throughout the growing process and become a public nuisance due to the pungent smell.



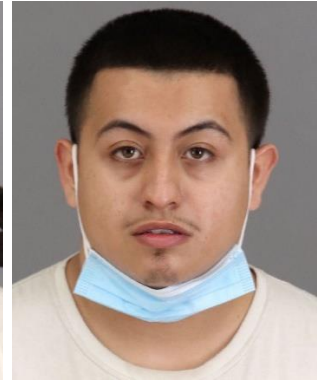
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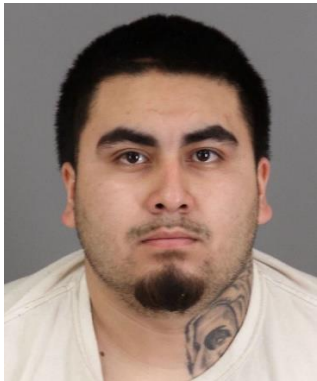
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