



MARIJUANA CULTIVATION SITE IN QUAIL VALLEY

August 17, 2022 - At approximately 7:00 AM, The California Department of Cannabis Control with the assistance of the Menifee Police Department, served a search warrant at a residence in the Quail Valley community of Menifee regarding illegal cultivation of marijuana. A search of the property led to the discovery of two makeshift greenhouses with a combined total of 198 marijuana plants in different stages of growth. Inside the residence, officers found an unserialized AR-15 type rifle, commonly referred to as a ghost gun, with a high-capacity magazine. The suspect for the marijuana cultivation and unlawful firearm was identified as 62-year-old Macario Estevez.

Menifee Police Officers arrested Estevez and he was booked into the Cois Byrd Detention Center for the unlawful possession of an undetectable firearm, possession of a high-capacity magazine, and unlawful possession of an assault weapon.

The California Department of Cannabis Control’s investigation into the marijuana cultivation remains ongoing.

As a reminder to the community, all commercial marijuana activities, including, but not limited to individual sales, cooperatives, dispensaries, cultivation, and deliveries are prohibited in the City of Menifee.



Ed Varso
Chief of Police

