



El Dorado County Sheriff Office



Press Release

For Immediate Release

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Large Marijuana Grow Located in El Dorado Hills Residence

On 11/7/09 at about 8:00 am, Deputies were dispatched to a suspicious circumstances report on the 300 block of Arches Avenue in El Dorado Hills. According to the reporting party the front door of the residence was open and nobody appeared to be home. In addition, the caller reported that a trail of potting soil and marijuana leaves went from the house and into the driveway.

Deputies arrived and noted that the front door of the residence was damaged and appeared to have been forcible kicked in. Inside the residence, Deputies observed a marijuana growing operation and called detectives. Detectives located approximately 260 marijuana plants and a sophisticated indoor marijuana growing operation, which included grow lights and room ventilation.

The 260 marijuana plants seized had an estimated street value of \$250,000. The persons responsible for the marijuana grow operation are believed to have illegally bypassed the residence's power meter, avoiding an estimated \$6,000 a month in utility charges. There were no residents on scene and no arrests have been made. An investigation is currently underway to identify the individuals responsible.