

CCIB agents discover marijuana grow house in Longwood - 07/03/2012

Seminole Co. Fla., (07/03/13)-The Seminole County Sheriff's Office City-County Investigative Bureau (CCIB) today arrested Jose Bernal Perez, 28 of Orlando, for operating a marijuana grow house in Longwood.

Agents obtained a search warrant for the property located at 1500 Sunshine Tree Blvd. after receiving an anonymous tip. The warrant was served early this morning and revealed a large-scale marijuana grow operation with 57 mature plants and a pound of processed marijuana. The plants averaged over four feet in height and were located in the garage and three bedrooms of the house. The plants and processed marijuana were seized and the grow operation was dismantled.

A mature plant can yield a pound of marijuana per harvest and can produce three to four crops per year. Agents estimate the street value of a pound of marijuana to be between \$3,500-4,500. Each of the 57 plants could yield as much as \$18,000 of marijuana per year. The house had the potential to generate over \$1 million worth of marijuana annually.

Perez was charged with trafficking cannabis and was booked into the John E. Polk Correctional.