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NEWS RELEASE

CCIB agents discover marijuana grow house in Geneva

Seminole Co. Fla., (September 30, 2015) - The Seminole County Sheriff's Office City-County Investigative Bureau (CCIB) yesterday arrested five suspects for operating a marijuana grow house in Geneva.

Agents obtained a search warrant for the property located at 840 Winona Drive after a deputy patrolling the area smelled a very strong odor of marijuana coming from the residence. The warrant was served Tuesday evening and revealed a large-scale marijuana grow operation with 49 mature plants and a large amount of harvested marijuana. The majority of the plants averaged four feet in height and were located in the garage of the house. Smaller, immature plants were located in a bedroom of the home. The plants, harvested marijuana, and grow equipment 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 49 plants could yield as much as \$18,000 of marijuana per year. The house had the potential to generate over \$880,000 worth of marijuana annually.

The following five suspects were arrested and charged with trafficking over 25 pounds of marijuana.

- Senay Erdogda, 30, of Miami
- Jonathan Gallo, 23, of Miami
- Luis Garcia Gonzalez, 27, of Miami
- Carlos Gonzalez, 34, of Miami
- Arturo Lozano, 29, of Miami

All five arrestees are being held without bond at the John E. Polk Correctional Facility.

Arrest reports, booking photos of the arrestees, and photos of the grow house are attached to this release.

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