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NEWS RELEASE

CCIB agents discover marijuana grow house in Sanford

Seminole Co. Fla., (01/12/15) - The Seminole County Sheriff's Office City-County Investigative Bureau (CCIB) on Thursday arrested Eric Simmons, 38, of Winter Park, and Chase Richardson, 44, of Orlando, for operating a marijuana grow house in Sanford.

Agents obtained a search warrant for the property located at 112 Hidden Lake Drive after receiving an anonymous tip of possible drug activity occurring inside the residence. The warrant was served Thursday afternoon and revealed a large-scale marijuana grow operation with 38 mature plants and a large amount of harvested marijuana. The plants averaged over three feet in height and were located in two bedrooms of the house. The plants and harvested 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 38 plants could yield as much as \$18,000 of marijuana per year. The house had the potential to generate over \$675,000 worth of marijuana annually.

Simmons and Richardson were arrested and booked into the John E. Polk Correctional Facility. Simmons was charged with trafficking marijuana and is currently still incarcerated on a \$20,000 bond.

Richardson was charged with possession of marijuana over 20 grams and released on 01/09/15 on a \$3,000 bond.

Both arrest reports and photographs of the arrestees are attached to this release.

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