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TWO MEN ARRESTED AFTER DEPUTIES DISCOVER A SOPHISTICATED HONEY OIL OPERATION

Just after 11 p.m. on Tuesday March 10th, 2015, the Solano County Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center received a call from a female resident in the 500 block of Benicia Road. The female told dispatchers that she was the victim of domestic violence and the call disconnected. Deputies were immediately dispatched to the location. When the deputies arrived they contacted two males who said they lived at the address.

Deputies conducted a search of the inside of the residence for the female caller and discovered she had left prior to their arrival. During their search for the female deputies saw several marijuana plants being grown inside the residence. Deputies detained the two males at the residence and contacted the Solano County Sheriff's California Multi-Jurisdictional Methamphetamine Enforcement Team (CAL-MMET), to conduct an investigation into the marijuana grow.

Deputies later learned that the original caller and victim of the domestic violence had left the residence and gone to her mother's house after calling authorities. Deputies were able to make contact with the female and a report was taken regarding the domestic violence incident.

CAL-MMET detectives wrote and served a warrant for the residence at just after 3:30 a.m. this morning. Inside the residence detectives found 95 marijuana plants, at various stages of growth, with a street value of approximately \$285,000.00. Detectives also found a sophisticated butane honey oil conversion lab, two ounces of honey oil, and three handguns.

Honey oil is a form of concentrated cannabis. The butane honey oil conversion lab is used to extract the tetrahydrocannabinol, (THC), from the marijuana plant. Tetrahydrocannabinol is the ingredient in marijuana that causes people to become under the influence. Processing marijuana through these types of labs can produce honey oil which can be as high as 95% pure THC. Butane honey oil conversion labs can be extremely dangerous and volatile during the production process. There have been many cases in recent years where the butane honey oil labs have exploded during the process and cause death, explosions, and structure fires.

Arrested at the residence were 23 year old Vallejo resident Mitchell Kvaal and 24 year old Vallejo resident Mario Vecchio. Both men were charged with the following felony charges: cultivation of marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale, manufacturing a controlled substance (honey oil), and for being armed with a firearm while committing a drug offense. Both men posted \$90,000.00 bail and have been released from custody.

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