



SANTA CRUZ POLICE DEPARTMENT
155 Center Street, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

MEDIA RELEASE

DATE/TIME: June 30, 2011

LOCATION: Good Guys Diesel & Bio-Mechanics - 1191 Water Street

TOPIC: Marijuana Cultivating Operation

CASE NUMBER: 11S-05316

INFORMATION:

On June 30, 2011 at approx 2:45 PM, the Santa Cruz Police Department Street Crimes Unit served a search warrant at a business – Good Guys Diesel and Bio-Mechanics. Acting on tips from the neighborhood, the street crimes team obtained a marijuana cultivation search warrant for the business.

Officers discovered a full-scale, illegal, marijuana cultivation operation housed inside the business. Approximately 100 plants were seized along with approximately 20 pounds of processed and dried marijuana product. Officers found sophisticated growing equipment to include grow lights, ventilation systems and a drying room. The facility had the potential to produce at higher volumes as it appears the search caught the operation in mid-harvest.

This growing operation borders a quiet residential neighborhood. It is only one block from a public middle school and a few hundred feet from a daycare facility on Water Street. Officers received several tips from the neighborhood suspecting an illegal marijuana growing operation at the business.

Although employees of the business claimed the marijuana growing operation was separate from the Diesel and Bio-Mechanics business, Officers found evidence tying the two operations together through the business owner. Officers are attempting to locate the business owner, and are continuing the investigation to include financial records. Two people were detained at the business, but were released pending further investigation.

Because of illegal construction and electrical wiring violations, the building was “red-tagged” (forbidding entry) by City Code Compliance Specialists.

Photos of the grow are attached to this release.

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