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RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT LOCATES AN ILLEGAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATION AND WEAPONS

Riverside, CA – On February 11, 2016, The Riverside Police Department NARCOTICS Unit with the assistance of the department’s Metro Team served a search warrant at a residence located in the 1900 Block of Monroe St. in the City of Riverside. Detectives received a “tip” regarding an illegal marijuana cultivation at the residence on Monroe St. during the month of January.

During the service of the warrant a subject later identified as, Enrique Mendez 32, exited the residence. A second subject fled the garage into the rear of the residence and could not be seen. Enrique told officers that the second subject, later identified as Miguel Angel Camacho-Arreola 28, was in possession of a firearm. Miguel was later located and taken into custody without incident.

A search of the path that Miguel took to the rear of the residence yielded a loaded handgun. An additional AR-15 style assault rifle was located inside of the primary residence. Five separate marijuana cultivation sites were located on the property. The sites contained approximately 1,100 illegal marijuana plants weighting over 730 pounds.

As a result of the investigation detectives arrested both Enrique Mendez from Moreno Valley and Miguel Angel Camacho-Arreola from Riverside for the illegal cultivation and sales of marijuana,



possession of an assault rifle, possession of an unregistered firearm, and illegal ammunition. Both subjects were booked into the Robert Presley Detention Center.

The Riverside Police Department reminds the citizens of Riverside that the cultivation of marijuana for profit is illegal and a felony in the State of California.

This is an on-going investigation. Anyone with information about this incident is asked to contact Detective Trinidad Lomeli at (951) 353-7219.







