



**PRESS RELEASE**

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**Type of Crime: Illegal Indoor Marijuana Cultivation**

**Case #: 11-3248**

**Location:** 7700 block of Laurel Drive, Gilroy

**Date:** 07/29/11

Suspect #1) Chavez, Veronica, 39 year old Gilroy resident

**Time:** 2002 hours

Suspect #2) Chavez, Alicia, 60 year old Gilroy Resident

Suspect #3) Fonseca, Manuel, 26 year old Gilroy Resident

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**Update: (August 22, 2011)**

As a result of the investigation, the Santa Clara County Superior Court as issued arrest warrants for the following suspects who were not arrested at the scene:

Suspect #4) Chavez, Ruben, 33 year old Gilroy Resident (Photo Attached)

Suspect #5) Davey, Shannon, 25 year old Gilroy Resident (No photo available)

Chavez' warrant charges him with the following felony violations: the possession of firearms by a prohibited person, the cultivation of marijuana and the possession of sale of marijuana.

Bail amount: \$50,000

Davey's warrant charges her with the following felony violations: the cultivation of marijuana and the possession for sale of marijuana.

Bail amount: \$20,000

Chavez and Davey are currently fugitives. Chavez should be considered dangerous, since he has been in the possession of firearms in the recent past.

Anyone with information regarding Chavez' and Davey's whereabouts are urged to contact the Gilroy Police Department at (408) 846-0350. Parties wishing to remain anonymous may call We-Tip at 1-800-782-7463 (1-800-78-Crime).

For any media inquiries please call (408) 846-0347.

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**Original Release Information**

**Details:**

On July 29, 2011, the Gilroy Fire Department received a 9-1-1 call regarding an active electrical fire at a residence in the 7700 block of Laurel Drive, Gilroy.

During the Gilroy Fire Department investigation, fire department personnel located multiple marijuana plants within the residence while attempting to extinguish the fire. With the assistance of PG&E, they confirmed that someone had tampered with residence's electrical power.

Gilroy Police Officers obtained a search warrant for the residence from a Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge. Pursuant to the search warrant - officers seized over 40 mature marijuana plants (with an estimated street value of over \$100,000), firearms, a 1/4 pound of processed marijuana and marijuana sales paraphernalia.

Veronica Chavez, Alicia Chavez and Manuel Fonseca were detained during the investigation. They were later booked into the Santa Clara County Main Jail for a violation of HS 11358 – Cultivation of Marijuana, HS 11359 – Sales of Marijuana and PC 182(a) – Criminal Conspiracy.

This type of indoor marijuana operation appears to be an increasing trend within the county. Community members should be aware of activity within their neighborhoods, to prevent the fire dangers and potential health hazards associated with indoor marijuana cultivation operations.

This investigation is continuing and anyone who has information regarding this incident is urged to contact the Corporal Brian Dutton at (408) 846-0350. Parties wishing to remain anonymous may call WeTip at 1-800-782-7463 (1-800-78-Crime).

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**\*End of Media Release\***

By: Sgt. Gallacinao  
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