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Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office Bust Another Illegal Drug Operation

Phoenix, Arizona – Yesterday, at approximately 11:00am, the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) Task Force, served a search warrant in Tonopah after detectives received evidence two suspects were illegally growing and selling marijuana in violation of the Arizona Medical Marijuana Act (AMMA).

The suspects had 8 rooms designed for growing marijuana, 6 of which were in operation during the search warrant. In addition, evidence was also located, including a closed loop butane lab, concluding that cannabis was being manufactured on the property.

“In September 2019 alone, MCSO detectives seized several hundreds of pounds of illicit narcotics, multiple illegally owned firearms, stolen vehicles, currency and counterfeit cash from Maricopa County streets,” Sheriff Penzone said. “The phenomenal work of these detectives shows the commitment and sacrifice these men and women are willing to make to keep our community safe,” Sheriff Penzone continued. “The amount of illicit drugs coming through Maricopa County continue to pose a threat to our community, in specifically, our youth, and these detectives continue to make this agency proud every day and I thank them for their outstanding work in getting these illegal drugs off the street.”

Seizures:
- Approximately 244 pounds of Marijuana (177 live plants / 4 pounds Dried)
- Approximately 4 pounds of Cannabis
- 5 Rifles
- 1 Handgun
- $20,100 in Cash
- Large Quantity of Growing and Manufacturing Equipment

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