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Pasadena Police Shut Down Illegal Marijuana Growing Operation

On Wednesday, July 31, the Pasadena Police Department’s Narcotics Task Force arrested two men for operating a hydroponic marijuana "grow house" in the Park Ridge Estates neighborhood located in south Pasadena. The residence, which is valued at $200,000, had been converted into an illegal marijuana growing operation. This operation not only used the home’s normal electric service through the meter, it also used additional power through a hole drilled in the foundation allowing direct access to the main electrical service line.

In addition, there was a large air conditioning unit installed inside the living room with duct work running to all of the “grow rooms.” These “grow rooms” consisted of a sophisticated system of automated watering, lighting, and air filtration systems.

As a result of their efforts, the task force seized approximately 700 marijuana plants and 2 pounds of high-grade “consumer ready” marijuana, all of which has a total street value in excess of 2.5 million dollars. Felony charges are now pending against the two suspects.