

MILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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PRESS RELEASE

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On July 5th, 2012 the Milton Police Department began an investigation based on a tip from a citizen into a residence located on U.S. Route 7 south in Milton that was suspected of selling illegal drugs.

Subsequently, an investigation as done and a search warrant for the residence was obtained through a Judge at the Chittenden County Superior Court-Criminal Division.

The search warrant was executed by officers of the Milton Police Department and Colchester Police Department. Officers located a marijuana growing operation with 56 marijuana plants at all stages of growth growing in the living room, bedroom and kitchen area of the residence. Also found at the residence were multiple pieces of evidence that showed the house was being used for sale of marijuana and other illegal drugs such as prescription medication. Police located multiple baggies of processed marijuana packaged for sale, prescription medication, digital scale and a loaded .25 semi-automatic pistol in a backpack that was being used for drug distribution by the dealers. Also located in the residence was a .357 magnum pistol with ammunition.

The owner of the residence was identified as **Dylan T. Seals (Age 39)** who is currently listed on the Vermont marijuana registry for medical marijuana usage. However, Dylan was in violation of such registry because of the amount of marijuana plants that were being cultivated at the residence. The Vermont Marijuana Registry only allows (2) mature marijuana plants and (7) seven immature marijuana plants can be cultivated in a "Secure locked facility".

Based on evidence found at the residence, as well as cell phone records, text messages and other information gathered during the investigation it revealed that all the people who were living at the residence were directly involved in a drug distribution ring in Milton and the surrounding areas.

Dylan Seals was charged with conspiracy to sell illegal drugs, cultivation of marijuana and possession of stolen property. Dylan's son, identified as **Sundance Seals (Age 20)**, who also lives at the residence was charged with conspiracy to sell illegal drugs, cultivation of marijuana and possession of marijuana. Sundance's girlfriend, **Melissa L. Morgan (Age 30)**, was also charged with conspiracy to sell illegal drugs, possession of marijuana and Resisting Arrest.

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Further charges may be brought based on the fact that (2) two handguns were seized during the warrant and are related to drug distribution. According to Dylan Seals the (2) two pistols were purchased for protection during drug transactions.



Sundance Seals



Melissa L. Morgan



Dylan T. Seals

Sundance, Dylan and Melissa were issued citations to appear in Chittenden Superior Court – Criminal Division for the date of September 6th, 2012 to answer their charges.

The penalty for selling regulated drugs is imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than \$25,000, or both

The penalty for felony selling of marijuana is imprisonment for not more than five years or a fine of not more than \$100,000, or both. The penalty for misdemeanor selling of marijuana is imprisoned not more than two years or fined not more than \$10,000, or both

The penalty for misdemeanor possession of marijuana is imprisonment for not shall be imprisoned not more than six months or fined not more than \$500, or both. Felony Possession of Marijuana is punishable by no more than three years or a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both.

The penalty for cultivation of marijuana with 25 plants or more imprisoned of not more than 15 years or fined not more than \$500,000, or both.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul Locke".

Detective Corporal Paul Locke 07/31/12