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PRESS RELEASE

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On August 11th, 2011 the Milton Police Department participated in a counter drug program designed to allow an officer to fly over Milton and the Milton/Colchester Town line area to locate marijuana plants being cultivated outside. Upon flying over 82 Farnsworth Road located in Colchester near the Milton town line, multiple marijuana plants were seen growing in the back yard of the residence.

Milton Police Officers went to 82 Farnsworth Road owned by Richard Damon (Age 40) and Florence Damon (Age 46). Officers spoke with Florence and tried to obtain voluntary consent to search the property for the marijuana. Florence would only provide limited consent to search certain areas of the property. It was at this time the residence and property was held and a search warrant for the entire property was obtained through a Judge.

Shortly after obtaining the search warrant for 82 Farnsworth Road, the Milton Police Department with the assistance of the Colchester Police Department executed the drug search warrant.

Officers located a sophisticated outdoor marijuana growing operation behind the residence. A total of (25) twenty-five marijuana plants ranging from 4-7 feet in height were located. It was found that Richard and Florence were maintaining this marijuana operation. Officers found that rain water was being collected on the side of the residence and fed through hundreds of feet of hose spread around the property. This hose was connected to multiple nozzles attached to each marijuana plant, which watered and fed the plants.

Inside the residence, Officers located nearly (1) one pound of processed marijuana, drug paraphernalia and other marijuana horticultural items. As well as an advanced marijuana grow room found in the basement of the residence containing lighting, fans, ventilation and CO2 boosters.

Both Richard and Florence were charged with Felony Cultivation of Marijuana and Felony Possession of Marijuana. They were issued a citation to appear in Chittenden County Superior Court – Criminal Division for the date of August 18th, 2011.

Felony- Cultivation of Marijuana and Felony-Possession of Marijuana both carry a penalty of up to 5 years in jail or fine not more than \$100,000.00, or both.



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