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Tacoma Police Department Concludes Long-Term Investigation into Illegal Cannabis Operation

On December 11, 2024, the Tacoma Police Department's Special Investigations Unit (SIU), in coordination with Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (LCB) investigators, concluded a long-term investigation into an illegal cannabis grow and distribution operation.

The investigation revealed that a "Cannabis Producer/Processor Tier 2" licensee was diverting and selling significant quantities of cannabis off the record into the black market. This discovery led to the execution of multiple search warrants at a 17,000-square-foot warehouse and a residence. These warrants were carried out with the assistance of Washington State LCB Enforcement Unit officers, the Pierce County Sheriff's Department Special Investigations Unit, and the Tacoma Police Hazardous Environments and Tactics Team.

As a result of this operation, law enforcement seized:

- 7,789 marijuana plants,
- Multiple pounds of manufactured cannabis product,
- Three vehicles,
- One handgun, and
- An undisclosed amount of U.S. currency.

The licensee was arrested and has been charged with **Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver** and **Unlawful Manufacturing of a Controlled Substance** in coordination with the Pierce County Prosecutor's Office.

The Tacoma Police Department extends its gratitude to our local, county, and state partners for their collaboration in this multi-agency operation.

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