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### **Tacoma Police Participate in Multi Agency Illegal Marijuana Grow Operation Shutdown**

On Wednesday, March 13, 2024, the Tacoma Police Department Special Investigations Division conducted a narcotics investigation into a major illegal marijuana grow operation by Chinese nationals. This investigation led to search warrants being obtained for multiple residences for Unlawful Manufacturing of a Controlled Substance, Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent Deliver, and Unlawful Use of a Building for Drug Activity.

These search warrants were served with assistance of the Drug Enforcement Agency, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Washington State Patrol Investigations Division, the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board, the Washington State Department of Ecology, the Pierce County Sheriff's Office, the Lakewood Police Department, the Bothell Police Department, and the Snohomish County Drug Task Force. There were eight search warrants served at locations in King, Mason, and Snohomish Counties.

In total, there were 3,580 growing marijuana plants, 78 lbs. of manufactured product, 12 vehicles, 1 handgun, and US Currency seized.

The Tacoma Police Department would like to thank our local, state, and federal partners in this multi-agency operation.



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