

Gladstone neighbors hope to feel safe after drug bust

by Cheryl McDermott

The residents of a Gladstone neighborhood in Clackamas County, Oregon, hope the neighborhood will return to normal with a feeling of safety and security following the discovery of a marijuana "grow house" and the arrest of its two residents.

Dean Michael Evans (left inset), the marijuana "grow house" (right inset), and plants discovered in 345 E. Berkely, Gladstone - CCITF photos Gladstone Detective Plummer, working in consort with the Clackamas County Interagency Task Force (CCITF), said the pungent odor of marijuana could be smelled when walking by the small white house.

Plummer's ongoing investigation turned up evidence sufficient to obtain a search warrant for 345 E. Berkely, and CCITF members raided the home Thursday.

Dean Michael Evans, 50, and Michelle Darnell (age unavailable), were taken into custody and lodged in the Clackamas County Jail. Evans is charged with manufacturing and distributing marijuana, and Darnell will face a single count of frequenting a place where drugs are sold.

Neighbors said "the business" had become more discreet of late, but commented that it was still apparent that drug trafficking had been ongoing.

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