

Bend man, 2 teenage sons arrested in marijuana grow

by Cheryl McDermott

BEND, Ore. — Detectives reported today that a 42-year old Bend father and his two teenage sons were arrested in mid-February after a marijuana growing operation was discovered in their garage attic. Almost a dozen firearms and cash were also seized in addition to plants and processed marijuana.

Macy Miles Young — DCJ photo Bend Police Lt. John Gautney said that Central Oregon Drug Enforcement (CODE) team members assisted by Bend Police officers and the Central Oregon Emergency Response Team (CERT, Central Oregon's version of a SWAT team) executed a search warrant on February 19 after receiving information about an active pot growing operation at 19968 Double Tree Court in south Bend not far from China Hat Road.

CERT was activated because intelligence indicated the residence of the elder suspect, Macy Miles Young, contained a large number of weapons, Gautney said.

11 firearms, 21 marijuana plants, 44 grams of processed marijuana, weight scales, packaging material, sales records and about \$400 in cash believed to have been proceeds from drug sales were seized.

Macy Miles Young, 42, was taken into custody and lodged in the Deschutes County Jail.

His sons, age 15 and 16, were arrested and transported to the Deschutes County Juvenile Detention Center. One of the boys hid in the crawl space under the home during the raid, Gautney said, but was eventually convinced to surrender and be placed into custody.

The father was charged with unlawful manufacture, delivery and possession of marijuana, two counts each of first-degree child neglect and endangering the welfare of a minor, and a single count of frequenting a place where illegal drugs are kept or sold.

The boys were also charged with unlawful manufacture, delivery and possession of marijuana, and the 16-year-old will face additional charges in connection with his escape from custody at the juvenile detention yard, the news release stated.

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