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## **OFFICIAL NEWS RELEASE**

### **MARIJUANA GROW OPERATION SHUT DOWN THREE ARRESTS MADE**

DATE: September 17, 2015

Members of the public began calling the Burbank Police Department back on Friday, September 11, 2015, about the strong odor of fresh marijuana emanating from the 2100 block of Kenmere Avenue.

Burbank Police Narcotics Detectives initiated an investigation into the complaints, which ultimately resulted in the issuance of a search warrant for a warehouse located on Kenmere Avenue.

Today, September, 17, 2015, detectives executed the search warrant and uncovered an illegal sophisticated indoor marijuana grow operation. Over 1200 marijuana plants, in various stages of maturity were seized. Investigators estimate the street value of the marijuana to be in excess of \$500,000.

Three suspects were taken into custody for Cultivation of Marijuana, CA Health & Safety Code § 11358, during the investigation. They were identified as Michael Hutchinson a 53 year old from Burbank, Jeremy Mendelsohn a 26 year old from Sherman Oaks and Michael Mosley a 41 year old from Simi Valley.

The men were booked into the Burbank City Jail, where bail was set at \$50,000 each. They are due to be arraigned at the Burbank Branch of the Los Angeles Superior Court on Monday, September 21, 2015.

Representatives from Burbank Water and Power responded to the scene at the request of Burbank Police Investigators. Several code violations were documented, mainly related to electrical wiring and hook-ups.

The Burbank Police Department will continue to actively enforce marijuana laws and preserve the quality of life our residents, business owners and visitors have come to expect.

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