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MEDIA RELEASE

INCIDENT TYPE:	DATE/TIME REPORTED:	
Drugs/Cultivation of Marijuana	July - September, 2015	
INCIDENT NUMBER:	LOCATION:	
15BU17571	Burlington, VT	
INVESTIGATOR:	INVESTIGATOR CONTACT:	
Officer Eric Kratochvil # 308	802-540-2308	
AUTHOR:	APPROVED BY:	
Sgt. Paul Petralia # 147	Lt. Shawn Burke # 179	
SUSPECT	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
Gary Francis Jr.	43	Burlington, VT
Victim	AGE:	SUSPECT ADDRESS:
N/A		
SUSPECT DISPOSITION:		
Francis was cited to appear at the Chittenden Superior Court – Criminal Division		

NARRATIVE:

In July of 2015, members of the Burlington Police Department's Drug Unit and Street Crimes Unit executed a search warrant at 116 Cottage Grove in Burlington after receiving information about there being a marijuana growing operation at the residence. During the search, officers found evidence of a large scale marijuana growing operation and seized more than 250 marijuana plants in various stages of maturity. Nobody was home at the time and it appeared that the residence was primarily used to grow marijuana as the majority of the residence was dedicated to marijuana cultivation. Following continued investigation by investigators, officers charged Gary Francis Jr. (age 43 of Burlington) with Cultivation of more than 25 Marijuana Plants, a violation of Title 18 V.S.A. 4230(A)(4). Francis was cited to appear at the Chittenden Superior Court – Criminal Division for arraignment on October 1, 2015.

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