



# TULARE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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## \*\*\*Illegal Marijuana Grow. Five arrests made\*\*\*

On Wednesday April 6, 2016, Tulare Police Department Code Enforcement Unit received an anonymous complaint of a strange odor emanating from the property located at 420 E. Cross Avenue in the city of Tulare. This is a warehouse type building; doing business as "Tulare Kustoms". Business owner, Robert Zamarripa was contacted and he denied law enforcement entry.

Code Enforcement officers obtained a search warrant. Due to the potential danger associated with the illicit marijuana operations, Tulare Police Departments Narcotics Division served the search warrant. Upon the service, it was discovered that there had been an illegal grow operation within the building structure. During this investigation, five persons of interest were arrested and 610 marijuana plants were confiscated with an approximate street value of \$900,000.

Additional charges will be sought for theft of services. The building's electrical box was set up via a bypass, allowing the use of stolen power. California Edison estimates the dollar amount of the stolen electricity at approximately \$100,000.

### SUSPECTS ARRESTED:

Robert Zamarripa

43 years of age from Tulare

Charges:

Possession of marijuana plants; Possession of marijuana for sale; Theft of utility services in excess of \$400.00; Conspiracy to commit a crime.

Dylan Zamarripa

20 years of age from Tulare

Charges:

Possession of marijuana of plants; Conspiracy to commit a crime.

Rigoberto Renteria

34 years of age from Tulare

Charges:

Possession of marijuana plants; Conspiracy to commit a crime.

Jessie Zamarripa

25 years of age from Tulare

Charges:

Possession of marijuana plants; Possession of marijuana for sale; Theft of utility services in excess of \$400.00; Conspiracy to commit a crime.

Alicia Renteria

42 years of age from Tulare

Charges:

Possession of marijuana plants; Conspiracy to commit a crime.

This is an active investigation to determine if any other persons are involved in this operation. Should further information develop, I will provide an additional press release. Please contact Tulare County Main Jail for booking photos.

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