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Santa Barbara Man Arrested Following Discovery of Butane Honey Oil Lab

Santa Barbara - On October 12, 2016 at approximately 3:00 p.m., investigators from the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Special Investigations Bureau served a drug related search warrant at a residence located at 5600 West Camino Cielo in the unincorporated area of Santa Barbara County.

Investigators secured the residence and detained six individuals. During the search of the property, investigators found a Butane Honey Oil (BHO) lab assembled and packed with marijuana to extract in a shed. They also found numerous growing marijuana plants, more than 19 pounds of processed marijuana, over 11 ounces of psilocybin mushrooms, more than 14 ounces of honey oil/wax, over 943 pounds of marijuana shake used for the BHO lab and prescription medication prescribed to a person who was deceased.

Due to the complexity of the BHO lab and the need for additional safety trained clandestine lab certified personnel, assistance was requested from the Los Angeles Interagency Metropolitan Police Apprehension Crime Task Force (L.A. IMPACT). Upon their arrival, the BHO lab was safely disassembled and items contaminated were removed by a qualified hazardous material contractor.

34-year-old Brennen Prowell of Santa Barbara, who was one of the six people detained, was arrested and booked into the Santa Barbara County Jail on the following charges: Manufacturing of a controlled substance, cultivation of Marijuana, possession for sale of psilocybin mushrooms, possession of a controlled substance for sale, possession of a controlled substance and possession of prescription medication without a prescription.

It should be noted that Butane Honey Oil (BHO) labs are extremely hazardous due to the use of liquid butane during the manufacturing process. Labs often catch fire or explode when the liquid butane vaporizes after being exposed to ambient temperatures and is then ignited by a simple ignition source. These ignition sources can be anything from open flames, cigarettes, household appliances, light switches or simple static electricity. Not only was this lab dangerous for the immediate area but given the extremely dry conditions it could have put the whole community at risk if it had ignited a fire.







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