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WHAT: Marijuana Plants, Guns and Cash Seized From Douglas County Home, On a Tip From West Virginia

NARRATIVE: DOUGLAS COUNTY, CO Members from the South Metro Drug Task Force and Agents from the Drug Enforcement Administration seized a large amount of marijuana plants and other items from a house in Sedalia, Co., after receiving a tip from a sheriff's office in West Virginia.

On February 12, 2007, the South Metro Drug Task Force (SMDTF) received information from the Harrison County Sheriff's Office in West Virginia about a possible active marijuana grow at 2000 block of S Hidden Valley Rd in Sedalia, Co. Harrison County Sheriff's Office took the following into custody on a charge of possession of marijuana:

Robert Page, 56 year old male from Sedalia, Co

A search warrant for the residence in Sedalia was obtained after agents contacted one of the homeowners. The SMDTF and the DEA conducted the search and seized a sophisticated indoor marijuana hydroponics operation, 407 marijuana plants, marijuana cultivation equipment valued in excess of \$30,000, \$310,127.00 in US currency, 3 vehicles, 2 recreation vehicles, 1 motorcycle and 21 firearms; three of which were assault weapons.

Charges against Page are pending at this time.

"The DEA considers this to be a significant investigation," said **Jeffrey D. Sweetin, Special Agent in Charge of the Rocky Mountain Division of the Drug Enforcement Administration**. "We sometimes forget about the dangers of marijuana, but this case brings to mind the serious nature and the detrimental effects of marijuana on the citizens Colorado. It is especially noteworthy to recognize the substantial assets generated by this criminal organization."

"I think this seizure sends a very strong message to those that believe the rural areas of Douglas County would be a good place to grow drugs and participate in illegal activities. The message is extremely clear; we do not tolerate this type of activity and will hold those responsible accountable. I am very proud of our relationship with the DEA, demonstrating the ongoing partnership to make our community safe," stated **Douglas County Sheriff David A. Weaver**.

This is still an on going investigation and more information will be released when available.