



# City of Ridgecrest Police Department

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MICHAEL D. AVERY, Chief of Police

## Press Release

**DATE OF INCIDENT:** January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2007

**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** 11358 H&S, Cultivate marijuana, 148.9 PC Provide False Information to Police.  
Warrant arrest.

**LOCATION OCCURRED:** 245 N. Florence St. Ridgecrest CA 93555

**SUSPECT ARRESTED:** Cesar MUNIZ-RAMIREZ (26 years old)

On January 24, 2007 at approximately 1200 hrs., Ridgecrest Police Officers Atkins and Marrone arrived at the above locations in attempts to serve a warrants of arrest. Upon making contact at the location, the male suspect, RAMIREZ gave the officers a false name to avoid arrest. When confronted with the information, the suspect confessed and wanted to quickly leave the house. The Officers though had seen packaged marijuana in plain view just inside the door. Additionally, Officer Marrone smelled the odor of marijuana coming from inside the location.

The preliminary investigation and search revealed that the suspect had a concealed door and a vent system into the room. The strong odor of marijuana was coming from near the vents. Inside the room was fertilizer, pots and other items associated with marijuana use and cultivation. Additional packaging was also found which alleged the marijuana was from a distributor.

Upon opening the concealed door, the Officers found the hidden room with 40 plants in 2-3 gallon buckets. These where in various stages of growth ranging from 2-4' tall, along with a very extensive light and vent system used to grow the illegal substance.

The items were seized, transported and booked at Ridgecrest Police Department. The suspect was transported to the Kern County Sheriff's Department/ Temporary holding facility in Ridgecrest pending the above charges:

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