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Press Release

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On Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at approximately 1310 hours the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office received a 911 call reporting that a 21 year old female was possibly seizing and in some sort of medical distress at 8855 Crooked Run Rd SW, Sugarcreek, Ohio (Auburn Twp./ Ragersville area).

Upon arrival, Detective Captain Orvis Campbell who had arrived on scene first, was met by Gary Sampson outside of the residence. Mr. Sampson acted nervous but stated that his adult daughter had been under the influence of some unknown substance but that she and her mother had since left the residence. Captain Campbell checked the residence to make sure that no one inside was injured and while checking the residence, located a marijuana grow consisting of 12 plants and grow lights and other supplies such as fertilizer and paraphernalia. Swiss Valley ambulance had been dispatched to the scene but were released after learning that the patient was no longer at the home. Gary Sampson, owner and resident of the home was cooperative, giving consent to further search the residence and all grow related items were seized by Campbell and Detectives Scott Ballentine and Cathy Bickford.

Mr. Sampson had stated that his daughter had been using a "duster" to inhale when she began to shake and convulse. When Mr. Sampson stated they tried to get her to wake up and become alert, she became combative in her disoriented state. Sampson stated that all persons in the home used marijuana however he was against his daughter's use of the harmful intoxicant and was too concerned to not call 911 when he saw her shaking/convulsing. Mrs. Sampson drove the daughter to a friend's home prior to units arrival. Mr. Sampson stated that he was individually responsible for the care and growing of the marijuana. Mr. Sampson faces charges of possessing marijuana and cultivating marijuana along with possessing drug paraphernalia once the drugs are weighed.

Other interviews will be conducted. Det. Scott Ballentine will be conducting follow up on this case and will forward a report to the appropriate prosecutor when the evidence work is complete.

Gary R. Sampson DOB: 9-25-60 (51) 8855 Crooked Run Rd SW Sugarcreek, Ohio

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