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Area Sheriff's Offices Interrupt a Marijuana Grow Operation

On Friday, April 21, 2017, the San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office was advised by Walker County Sheriff Deputies that they were following a stolen horse trailer into San Jacinto County. The Patrol Tactical Unit responded to the call and, with Walker County and Montgomery County Auto Theft Task Force Units, intercepted the vehicle and stolen trailer. They followed the suspect to a residence in the 1600 block of Big Woods Drive in west San Jacinto County.

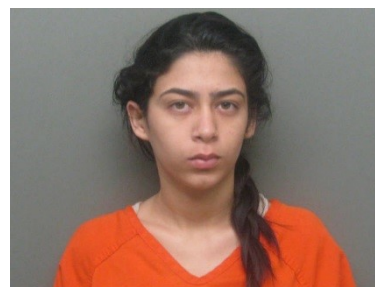
As the deputies approached the residence a Hispanic Male, identified as Yosmel Montoro Suarez, and a Hispanic female, identified as Liliana Calix, both began to flee on foot into a wooded area. Deputies immediately apprehended the female suspect. A brief time later deputies found the male suspect hiding in another area of the woods about 1 mile away from the scene. He was taken into custody without incident.

During the investigation, a search warrant was obtained and it was found the residence was being used as a marijuana grow house. Deputies seized approximately 142 marijuana plants, along with all the equipment being used to cultivate the product. Currently, the Sheriff's Office has entered into the process of seizing the residence and property as a result of it being used in the commission of the felony crime. In addition to shutting down the marijuana operation, deputies recovered stolen items including the stolen horse trailer.

Suarez and Calix were charged with Felony Possession of Marijuana, Evading Arrest, and Theft, and were placed into the San Jacinto County Jail. The Montgomery County Auto Theft Task Force, Walker County Sheriff's Office, and San Jacinto County Sheriff's Office are continuing their joint efforts on this investigation.



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