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LARGE MARIJUANA SEIZURE

*****UPDATE – MARCH 21, 2013*****

On March 14, 2013, detectives were able to determine the identity of the suspect residing at a warehouse/residence in which a large amount of marijuana was confiscated. During the course of their investigation, detectives also discovered that the suspect had his 22-month old child living with him at the residence. On March 21, 2013, the suspect turned himself in to officers at the Main Police Station located at 270 South Stone Avenue. He was identified as 42-year old Ronald James Sisco. He was booked into the Pima County Jail for the following charges:

- One count of Unlawful Possession of Marijuana for Sale
- One count of Unlawful Cultivation of Marijuana for Sale
- One count of Unlawful Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia
- One count of Child Abuse



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On March 14, 2013, at about 5:30 p.m., South Tucson Police Officers were on routine patrol in the area of South 6th Avenue and West 35th Street when they noticed an odor of fresh marijuana. Officers from the Tucson Police Department's Southside Community Response Team responded to assist. The CRT Officers located the odor of fresh marijuana coming from a warehouse/residence in the area. Detectives from the Counter Narcotics Alliance responded and obtained a search warrant for the warehouse/residence.

The warehouse/residence was on a fenced lot. Part of the warehouse had been converted into a residence and it was obvious that someone was living there, but no one was home at the time the warrant was served. The other portions of the warehouse had been converted into a sophisticated marijuana grow operation. Detectives located 356 marijuana plants growing inside the residence and over 53 pounds of cultivated hydroponic marijuana in the warehouse and in the residence within the structure. Large amounts of marijuana grow equipment was located in separate rooms of the warehouse. Detectives also located \$18,000 in U.S. Currency inside the residence portion of the structure.

Further investigation revealed the identity of the individual residing at the warehouse/residence. The investigation is ongoing at this time.

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