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Suspicious 9-1-1 Call Leads to Deputies Finding Illegal Marijuana Grow Worth an Estimated \$300,000 at Pueblo West Home

Pueblo, CO: Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies responding to an abandoned 9-1-1 call Saturday afternoon found an illegal marijuana grow operation worth an estimated \$300,000 in a Pueblo West home. One man with ties to China was arrested and 274 marijuana plants in various stages of growth along with 60 pounds of dried product were seized.

Deputies responded to a home in the 1300 block of Keymar Place at about 1:30 p.m. after the Pueblo County Sheriff's Communication Center tracked a 9-1-1 call to the residence. A woman could be heard quietly speaking before the call disconnected.

When deputies arrived at the home, they contacted a man identified as Weiguang Fong, 56. Fong told deputies through a translator that he did not call 9-1-1 and he was the only person at the home. Deputies asked Fong for permission to look through the residence to ensure there was nobody that needed help. Fong agreed to let deputies look through the home and nobody was located. Deputies did, however, see what appeared to be more than 30 marijuana plants in various stages of growth in three rooms in the basement of the home. State law allows for only 12 plants per household. When deputies questioned Fong about the plants, he said they were for his wife who suffers from a medical condition.

Deputies exited the home and sheriff's narcotics detectives were contacted due to the large number of plants seen in the home. Detectives sought and executed a search warrant where they found the 274 marijuana plants along with 60 pounds of sealed and packaged dried marijuana product.

Deputies arrested Fong for possession with intent to manufacture or distribute marijuana 50 pounds or more (CR 18-18-406 (2) (b) (Felony 1) and cultivation of more than 30 marijuana plants (CR 18-18-406 (3) (a) (Felony 3). He has been booked into the Pueblo County Jail.

Pueblo Regional Building responded and condemned the home due to extensive alterations made to the home's electrical system.

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