



**TURLOCK POLICE DEPARTMENT**  
*Ninus C. Amirfar, Chief of Police*



**PRESS RELEASE**

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Search Warrant Served for Illegal Cannabis  
Cultivation

On Wednesday, September 11, 2019, at approximately 7:00 a.m., the Turlock Police Department SWAT Team with the assistance of the Ceres Police Department SWAT Team and the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department served a search warrant at an industrial building in the 600 Block of D Street. Detectives with the Turlock Police Department Special Investigations Unit (S.I.U.) had secured a search warrant for the building after obtaining evidence which led them to believe that an illegal marijuana grow was taking place inside the building.

During the search of the building, Detectives located nearly 4,000 marijuana plants, over 100 pounds of processed marijuana, several ounces of butane hash oil, three firearms, a small amount of heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, and arrested five suspects. Gino Nardozzo, a 54-year-old male from Turlock, and Sang Nguyen, a male, age 34, Chris Pham, a male age 43, Andy Tran, a male age 36, and Xiaofeng Wang, a male, age 30, all from Sacramento were arrested and booked into Stanislaus County Jail for manufacturing a controlled substance, cultivation of marijuana, and marijuana sales.

“While the City of Turlock is in the development stages of a Pilot Cannabis Program, illegal activity, up to and including cultivation, processing, and sales of cannabis outside of established State and City of Turlock rules and regulations will not be tolerated. This particular marijuana grow was a very sophisticated operation. It is clear that it had substantial financial backing. Our investigation will continue and all who are affiliated

with this illegal operation may face prosecution,” said Turlock Police Chief Amirfar.

Anyone with any information about the identity of the suspect is encouraged to call Detective Dominic Hernandez at (209) 668-5550 extension 6749. You can also contact the Turlock Police Department’s Tip Line at (209) 668-5550 extension 6780 or email at [tpdtipline@turlock.ca.us](mailto:tpdtipline@turlock.ca.us), you can remain anonymous.

The Turlock Police Department is an active participant in the Crime Stoppers Program. Callers can leave an anonymous tip by calling Crime Stoppers at (209) 521-4636 and may be eligible for a cash reward.

To receive more detailed, up-to-date information directly from the Turlock Police Department via e-mail, register for "Nixle" alerts at [www.Nixle.com](http://www.Nixle.com) or more directly at <https://local.nixle.com/register/>. Or, text your zip code to 888777 to receive text alerts for emergency alerts only.

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