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Grow House Raid Leads to Arrest



The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office has arrested Joshua Silberman, DOB 8/30/83, 3742 Fresno Rd., North Port, for Trafficking in Cannabis, Cultivation of Cannabis, Possession of a Residence for the Purpose of Manufacturing a Controlled Substance, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Resisting a Law Enforcement Officer Without Violence.

The Special Investigations Task Force, working in conjunction with the North Port Police Department, received a tip regarding an indoor cannabis grow-house. Detectives executed a search warrant on October 5, 2009 and discovered Silberman was operating a sophisticated grow operation inside his residence. When detectives arrived, Silberman fled on foot but was apprehended soon after by North Port Police officers. Detectives subsequently located 66 cannabis plants inside the house weighing approximately 43 pounds, worth approximately \$172,000 on the street.