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**Date: 10/15/09**

**Released By: Wendy Rose**

**NR #:09-197**

## **Grow House Arrests**



The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office has arrested Alfredo Zafra, DOB 3/5/73, and Tonia Cruz, DOB 3/3/69, 1619 Oakland Road, North Port, for Cultivation of Cannabis and Maintaining a Residence for the Purpose of Manufacturing a Controlled Substance.

On October 14, 2009, detectives with the Sarasota County Sheriff's Office Drug Task Force observed the couple leaving their home, which had been under investigation for several weeks. Detectives initiated a vehicle stop and with the assistance of K-9 units, located and seized \$20,500 in cash from the trunk of the rental vehicle they were driving.

A search warrant executed at the home revealed it was primarily used for the cultivation of marijuana. One of the rooms had signs of a recent harvest and another contained 71 growing plants along with an extensive amount of related equipment.

The Sheriff's Office will file for forfeiture of the seized cash.