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**SAN ANTONIO MAN CHARGED FEDERALLY IN CONNECTION WITH
HYDROPONIC MARIJUANA GROW OPERATION**

John E. Murphy, Acting United States Attorney, Drug Enforcement Administration Acting Assistant Special Agent in Charge Nancy Sanford and San Antonio Police Chief William McManus announced that a federal criminal complaint was filed this morning charging 29-year-old Mark Anthony Hendricks, of San Antonio, in connection with a hydroponic marijuana grow operation.

According to the complaint, authorities executed a search warrant at the Hendricks' residence yesterday where they recovered approximately 350 marijuana plants being grown inside the home.

Hendricks is charged with one count of possession of more than 100 marijuana plants with intent to distribute. Upon conviction, Hendricks faces between five and 40 years in federal prison and a maximum \$2 million fine. During his initial appearance this morning, United States Magistrate Judge Pamela Mathy set Hendricks' bond at \$50,000 unsecured.

This case is being investigated by members of the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force together with the San Antonio Police Department Narcotics Unit. Assistant United States Attorney Joey Contreras is prosecuting this case on behalf of the Government.

A criminal complaint is a formal accusation of criminal conduct, not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent unless and until convicted through due process of law.

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