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Traffic Stop Leads to Discovery of Marijuana Grow Operation

On January 5, 2025, Columbus Police Officers conducted a traffic stop in the area of Illges Road and Carver Street, resulting in the discovery of an illegal marijuana grow operation.

Marcus Mathis, 54, was stopped for a stop sign violation in the area. Megan Moore, 47, was a passenger in the vehicle driven by Mathis. During the stop, officers searched the vehicle and discovered a large marijuana plant inside.

Following the traffic stop, search warrants were executed at a residence on Pecan Street and another on Bellamy Street, both connected to Mathis. The searches resulted in the seizure of:

- **Additional marijuana plants (totaling 532.51g, street value \$5,325.10)**
- **Marijuana seeds**
- **Grow lights**
- **Scales and baggies**
- **Potting soil**
- **Pipes and bongs**
- **Temperature-controlled refrigerators**
- **Two firearms**

Both Mathis and Moore were taken into custody. They are charged with the following:

Marcus Mathis, 54

- **Manufacturing Marijuana**
- **Possession of a Firearm During Commission of a Crime**
- **Possession of Drug-Related Objects**
- **Stop Sign Violation**

Megan Moore, 47

- **Manufacturing Marijuana**
- **Possession of a Firearm During Commission of a Crime**
- **Possession of Drug-Related Objects**

The investigation is ongoing.

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