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Press Release

Medfield man pleads not guilty To growing, distributing marijuana

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Jack Keverian, 28, of Tannery Drive in Medfield pled not guilty to three charges at his Dedham District Court Arraignment today, May 19, 2015, according to Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey:

- 1. Possession with intent to distribute class D, marijuana
- 2. Possession with intent to distribute class C, Tetrahydrocannabinol
- 3. Cultivation of Marijuana.

Defense AttorneyPatrick Reddington waived the reading and entered a plea of not guilty on his client's behalf.

Assistant District Attorney Jaclyn K. Sexton requested \$10,000 cash bail. Defense counsel requested personal recognizance, citing his ties to the community. Judge Michael Pomerole set \$10,000 cash bail and ordered the defendant to surrender his passport. The case is scheduled to return to Dedham District Court on June 16, 2015 for pre-trial conference.

Medfield responded to a call from a resident of the property at 5 Tannery Drive reporting an explosion at roughly 9:42 p.m. on Saturday, May 16. Responding police and fire personnel observed significant damage to the doors of the property's 3-car garage and a substantial amount of visible marijuana and associated processing equipment.

A search warrant was obtained and executed beginning at roughly 6 a.m. Sunday. In addition to the contents of the garage, police reported finding growing marijuana plants and associate cultivation equipment in two sheds behind the main house. In all, authorities allege to have found about 200 growing plants and some marijuana that had already been processed into Tetrahydrocannabinol, a potent derivative and class C substance.

Medfield Police Chief Robert E. Meaney, Jr. was present at the scene and directing the activities of detectives from Plainville, Norwood, Framingham, Wellesley, Needham and Walpole processing the scene and the evidence as part of the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council (METRO-LEC) mutual aid organization. Chief Meaney was also in direct contact with Norfolk District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey, who provided several personnel from the detective unit and Drug Task Force assigned to his office. Because of the volume of evidence that needed to be seized, members of the State Police Evidence Unit also responded on Sunday morning.

"It reflects well on the Medfield Police Department, Chief Meaney and these area departments that they have such strong working relationships – with each other and with the State Police," District Attorney Morrissey said. "As an office, we are certainly ready to provide assistance however we can."