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## PINELLAS PARK GROW HOUSE OPERATOR SENTENCED

Tampa, Florida - U.S. District Judge Susan C. Bucklew, today sentenced Richard Timothy McNeal, age 46, to two years and three months' for possessing with intent to distribute more than one hundred marijuana plants. McNeal pled guilty on June 24, 2008.

According to court documents, on March 18, 2008, law enforcement executed a search warrant at a residence located at 4317 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue N. in Pinellas Park, Florida. Law enforcement agents arrested McNeal for operating a large indoor marijuana grow operation, with over 400 marijuana plants. At the time, McNeal resided in St. Petersburg Beach.

The case was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration, the St. Petersburg Beach Police Department, and the Pinellas Park Police Department. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Kelley C. Howard-Allen.