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Over 500 marihuana plants seized in Airdrie home

Airdrie... Acting on information from Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN), Alberta Law Enforcement Response Teams (ALERT) Green Team South seized over 500 marihuana plants from an Airdrie home yesterday.

ALERT's Green Team South, a team made up of RCMP and Calgary Police Service members, executed the search warrant at a residence on Kingsland Way on Thursday, March 24. With the assistance of the RCMP Calgary Emergency Response Team and the Airdrie RCMP, Green Team investigators seized 517 marihuana plants with an estimated street value of \$646,250. The furnace and hot water tank had been altered to feed carbon dioxide to the plants. Alberta Health Services inspected the home and deemed it unfit for human habitation.

Charges have not been laid at this time. The investigation is ongoing.

ALERT wants to remind the public to be on the lookout for signs of a marihuana grow operation in your neighbourhood. To learn more about how to spot a grow operation, please visit ALERT's website at www.alert-ab.ca. Never investigate a marihuana grow operation on your own. Report any suspicious activity to police or call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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