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Marihuana grow operation dismantled in the MacEwan area

Edmonton... ALERT's Green Team North is in the process of dismantling a marihuana grow operation located at 2712 Miles Place in the MacEwan neighbourhood of southwest Edmonton. Although it is in the early stages of the dismantling process, investigators believe that there are around 400 plants. Our officers expect to be there for the next few hours and it is estimated that the plants will be removed sometime in the early afternoon (for media outlets requiring visuals).

Public safety is of particular concern in high density residential neighbourhoods where houses are close together because electricity is often bypassed, creating an increased fire hazard.

Of particular interest is that in many cases few tips are received. But when officers are at the scene of a marihuana grow operation, they often hear comments from neighbours who suspected it all along. This serves as a reminder for people in the community to report suspicious activity to the authorities. Reporting can be done anonymously through Safer Communities and Neighbourhoods (SCAN) at 1-866-960-SCAN (7226), Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477), or your local police non-emergency line.

Tips for identifying a possible grow operation can be found by following this link: <http://www.alert-ab.ca/protect-yourself/marijuana-grow-operations>

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