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**VPD Report Number:**21-051320/21-034947

Date/Time Occurred: April 29 & June 22, 2021 9:37 am

Type of Incident: Illegal Cultivation of Marijuana

**Location:** 400 block of N. Kent, 5700 block of W. Clinton, 5800 block of Ceres, 2800 block of W. Prescott, 2800 block of W. Brooke

Name of Business (if applicable): State of CA

Suspect: 1. Wengsheng Wu <u>Age:</u> 52 Arrested: Yes

**Details:** On April 29, 2021, Narcotic Detectives, along with the Special Enforcement Unit, responded to the 400 block of N. Kent, 5800 block of W. Ceres, two residences in the 5700 block of W. Clinton, and the 2800 block of W. Prescott and conducted search warrants for illegal cultivation of marijuana. Yueying Liu, 66, and Guoqyan Liu, 67, were contacted at the Kent location and arrested for conspiracy and cultivation of marijuana. Wensheng Wu, 52, Dateng Ma, 26, Wen Shan Li, 50, Jin Rui Li, 29 and Weifeng Li, 45, were contacted at the Ceres location and were actively building an indoor marijuana grow during the service of the search warrant. During searches of the residences, over 1,600 marijuana plants were located and seized along with 3 firearms. All five suspects were transported and booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility for cultivation of marijuana and conspiracy, except for Wu who was cited with a promise to appear. On June 22, 2021, two additional search warrants were served in the 2800 block of W. Brooke and the 2800 block of W. Prescott as part of this on-going investigation. During searches of the residences, over 2,700 plants were located and seized. Additional charges for Wu will be submitted to the Tulare County District Attorney's Office. This investigation is on-going.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Narcotics Detectives

Supervisor: Sgt. J. Hughes

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