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VPD Report Number: 20-106899

Type of Incident: Cultivation of Marijuana and Theft of Utilities

Date/Time Occurred: 12/18/2020 8:45 am **Location:** 1900 block of S. Thomas

Name of Business (if applicable): State of CA Southern California Edison

Suspect: 1. Jesus Espinoza Ayala <u>Age:</u> 45 Arrested:

Yes

Details: On December 18, 2020 at 8:45 am Narcotic Detectives responded to the 1900 block of S. Thomas and conducted a search warrant regarding the cultivation of marijuana and theft of utilities. Suspect Jesus Espinoza Ayala was contacted and arrested at the residence. During the search of the residence 411 marijuana plants were located and seized. The residence was also illegally connected to a power source from Southern California Edison. Jesus Espinoza Ayala was transported and booked at the Tulare County Pre-Trial Facility for cultivation of marijuana and theft of utilities.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Narcotics Detectives/SEU

Supervisor: Sgt. J. Hughes

