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Man Charged in Wheaton Marijuana Grow!

Maryland-National Capital Park Police detectives have identified and charged Alvaro Quinonez who is 22 years of age with drug manufacturing charges for cultivating over 121 marijuana plants in a portion of the Matthew Henson Greenway located in Wheaton near the intersection of Georgia and Hewitt Avenue. The plants are estimated to have had a street value of \$100,000.

The investigation began when the grow site was located by the statewide Marijuana Eradication Task Force and hidden camera footage was obtained showing the suspect watering and tending to the plants. The suspect was identified with the help of information from the community. A search warrant was served on his residence in the 12600 block of Denley Road in Wheaton. Based on the information recovered and the video surveillance Mr. Quinonez has been charged with possession of Controlled Dangerous Substances, Possession with the intent to distribute Controlled Dangerous Substances, Manufacturing Controlled Dangerous Substances, Production Equipment, and Possession of paraphernalia.

Photo's are available upon request.

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