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Christiansburg Man Arrested On Drug Charge; Police Seek Second Suspect

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(Christiansburg, Virginia) – A Christiansburg man was arrested Thursday for allegedly manufacturing marijuana and police continue to seek a second suspect.

Alexander Dwight Whalen, 25, was arrested and charged with one count of manufacturing marijuana, but not for the accuser's own use (VA Code 18.2-248.1). He has been released on \$5,000 unsecured bond.

The second suspect has been identified as Clarence Evan Bennett, 25. There is currently a warrant out for his arrest for one count of manufacturing marijuana, but not for the accuser's own use.

Following an investigation by the Christiansburg Police Department, a search warrant was served at a residence in the 4100 block of Cumberland Drive on May 23. Deputies from the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office and officers from the Blacksburg Police Department assisted Christiansburg in the execution of the warrant.

The search uncovered 151 marijuana plants, loose marijuana, and what is described by investigators as a "sophisticated growing system" at the residence.

Investigators believe the street value of marijuana produced from each plant could be worth up to \$3000 (\$453,000 total).

Anyone with information concerning the whereabouts of Clarence Evan Bennett should contact the Christiansburg Police Department at (540) 382-3131 x0.

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