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## Couple charged with growing marijuana

Advocate staff report

NEWARK — A Newark couple are facing first-degree felony drug charges after authorities found 120 marijuana plants in their basement.

During a raid at 6634 Purity Road on Friday afternoon, Central Ohio Drug Enforcement Task Force officers seized about 22,000 grams, or more than 48 pounds, of marijuana, according to Lt. Dave Starling of the Licking County Sheriff's Office.

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Along with the illegal crop, CODE officers left with Randall C. and Suzette L. Nebb, who were arrested on a charge each of illegal cultivation of marijuana.

On Monday, the couple were charged with the first-degree felony version of the violation because the alleged offense was committed in the vicinity of juveniles, according to court documents.

Licking County Municipal Court Judge David Branstool set Randall Nebb's bond at \$35,000 and his wife's at \$25,000.

Additional charges, including trafficking in drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia, may also be considered by a Licking County grand jury, according to court documents.

Starling said the raid was the result of an ongoing investigation.

An affidavit in support of the Nebbs' arrests said a confidential informant had made a purchase from the 41- and 42-year-old husband and wife,

respectively.

Starling, who is also the commander of CODE, said after the search warrant was served officers discovered a grow room in the basement, complete with lighting, fans and other equipment.

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