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## BHO Lab Arrest

Case # 17-00110

Person Arrested – Jeremie Heredia, 30 years old, Santa Cruz resident

Date of Incident – January 5, 2017 at about 11:45 a.m.

Location of Incident – Pasatiempo Inn (555 SR 17, Santa Cruz)

Charges – 11379.6(a) H&S, Manufacture a controlled substance



On January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016, deputies were dispatched to drug activity occurring inside a motel room at the Pasatiempo Inn in Santa Cruz. Deputies met with motel staff who believed a guest was manufacturing drugs inside his room. The motel guest was identified as Jeremie Heredia. Motel staff showed Deputies a photo of the equipment they noticed in the room. From the photograph, deputies identified the equipment as that used to manufacture Butane Hash Oil (BHO).

BHO is a form of concentrated cannabis and is typically made using excess marijuana trimmings and highly flammable butane gas. BHO is extremely dangerous to make and a violation of 11379.6(a) of the health & safety code (felony).

A search warrant was authored for the motel room and it was determined that BHO was indeed being manufactured. Heredia was arrested at the motel for the listed charge.

The Scotts Valley Fire Department (SVFD) responded due to the hazardous nature of the BHO lab. As the SVFD attempted to render the BHO lab safe, a butane explosion occurred inside the room which caused a small fire that was quickly extinguished. Fortunately, no Fire Department or Sheriff's Office personnel were injured. The

explosion caused foundation damage in three separate hotel rooms which will require extensive repairs. A cost to repair the damage is unknown at this time.

Prepared by: Sergeant Chris Clark /January 6, 2017

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