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For Immediate Release:

Today's Date: July 15, 2008
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Release #: 08-0119
Case #: 08-7993
Incident Date: July 14, 2008
Incident Location: 15508 SW 149th Place, Archer, Florida

Improvised Explosive Devices Found:

Late yesterday afternoon members of the Gainesville Alachua County Drug Task Force served a warrant on a suspected cannabis grow operation in Archer. Numerous items of contraband were located during this operation, including 33 suspected improvised explosive devices (IED). The Alachua County Sheriff's Office Bomb Team responded and confirmed the IED's.

Due to the late hour and darkness, the location was locked down and secured until today when it could be more safely and thoroughly searched during daylight hours. Numerous federal agencies have participated in this operation and the Alachua County Sheriff's Office Bomb Team is currently rendering each IED safe and processing the evidence. One suspect has been taken into custody; however, the name is not being released at this time due to the ongoing nature of the investigation.

Due to the rural location of this residence only one additional residence had to be evacuated for safety concerns.