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Operation Grasshopper Press Release

A nationwide investigation of Asian narcotics distribution organizations concluded on November 17, 2005. This DEA-led investigation resulted in the seizure of 1,777 pounds of cannabis, 931,300 MDMA (ecstasy) pills, and approximately \$7.5 million in assets. Nationwide, 291 individuals from 61 separate trafficking cells were arrested.

Locally, DEA, MBI, FBI, ICE, and FDLE agents concluded their three-week investigation into one of the drug trafficking cells. Two search warrants were served, and six subjects were arrested for a number of charges, including conspiracy to traffic in MDMA, conspiracy to traffic in cannabis, and trafficking in cannabis. The two search warrants were served at 14836 Faversham Circle, Orlando, and 3495 White Adler Court, Kissimmee. Seven vehicles, 80 pounds of cannabis, and \$11,000 were seized during the course of the operation.

Those arrested were **Viet Van Ho, Qui Vihn Phuoc Nguyen, Vu Truong, Timmy T. Chung, Tuyen Van Dihn, and Hanh Van Bui.**

Investigative assistance was provided by the Central Florida High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA) support center.

As the investigation crossed several jurisdictions, the case will be prosecuted by **Attorney General Charlie Crist's Office of Statewide Prosecution.** The investigation continues and additional arrests are anticipated.

The contact person for this press release is Metropolitan Bureau of Investigation Narcotics Commander Carl Metzger, (321)689-7150.

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