

Marijuana Grow Houses: Florida's Silently Growing Epidemic

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This research project is to show that Marijuana Grow Houses are and have been another trend in the drug culture and to show what an impact that they have on law enforcement agencies and their respective communities. The importance of this research is to demonstrate how they affect law enforcement agencies budgets and our local infrastructure. Survey's were sent to sixty-six (66) Sheriff's Offices in Florida to determine if marijuana grow houses were having the same economic impact on agencies in different areas of the state. Also, to gather information to be shared between agencies effected by this issue, for future proactive investigations into marijuana grow houses and the individuals or groups responsible for their existence.