



Man Sentenced for Growing Marijuana in his Morrow Home

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Jimmy Oakes, 52, of Morrow was sentenced to two years in prison today by Warren County Common Pleas Judge Michael Gilb.

On January 13, 2016, Oakes pled guilty to cultivation of marijuana and trafficking in marijuana, felonies of the 2nd degree; possession of marijuana and child endangering, felonies of the 3rd degree; and possessing criminal tools, a felony of the 5th degree.

On May 21, 2014, the Warren County Drug Task Force received information that Oakes was growing marijuana at his Morrow, Ohio home. Detectives obtained a search warrant and found an active marijuana grow in a room in Oakes' basement, which included 49 marijuana plants, a grow light, and other items used to grow marijuana. Detectives also found 13 bags of marijuana in a freezer in the basement. In Oakes' master bedroom, law enforcement located three mason jars containing marijuana, two digital scales, and a bag of marijuana seeds. A source informed law enforcement that Oakes sold marijuana to other individuals out of mason jars. The Warren County Drug Task Force recovered a total of 6,202.7 grams of marijuana from the home.

While Oakes had the marijuana grow and trafficked marijuana in his home, his girlfriend's two minor children resided in the home. Upon investigation, the Drug Task Force learned the children's bedrooms were located directly above the marijuana grow in the basement.

Warren County Prosecutor David P. Fornshell commended the efforts of the Warren County Drug Task Force and Assistant Prosecutor Derek Faulkner.



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