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Press Release

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**Five Green Bay Residents Charged with Large Scale Marijuana
Grow Operation in Marinette County**

United States Attorney James L. Santelle of the Eastern District of Wisconsin announced today that five (5) individuals have been charged in a criminal complaint filed in U.S. District Court with knowingly and intentionally conspiring to manufacture and possess with the intent to distribute marijuana, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, §§ 846, 841(a)(1), and 841(b)(1)(A). The offense involved more than 1,000 marijuana plants at two separate locations in Marinette County.

The individuals charged all reside in Green Bay and are identified as: Brian Magana (age: 19), Javier Magna (age: 51), Manuel Mendoza (age: 45), Marco Magana (age: 38) and Maria Hilda Magana-Mendoza.

The defendants made an initial appearance in U.S. District Court in Green Bay today. If convicted they face a mandatory minimum of 10 years to life imprisonment, up to \$10,000,000 million dollars in fines and at least 5 years on supervised release.

The charges against the defendants are the result of an investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration; the Wisconsin Department of Justice - Division of Criminal Investigation; the Marinette County Sheriff's Office; the Brown County Sheriff's Office, the Marinette Police Department, the Green Bay Police Department, the Brown County Drug Task Force, the United States Forest Service, and the United States Marshals Service. The prosecution of the case will be handled by Assistant United States Attorney William J. Lipscomb.

A criminal complaint is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. A defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

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