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MORROW COUNTY COUPLE CHARGED WITH GROWING MORE THAN 1,000 MARIJUANA PLANTS, DISCHARGING FIREARM

COLUMBUS – A federal grand jury today charged Shane Roush, 38, and his wife Corrina Roush, 39, with growing more than 1,000 marijuana plants at their rural Fredericktown home. Shane Roush was also charged with discharging a firearm in relation to a drug-trafficking crime.

Carter M. Stewart, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Ohio, Wayne Dixie, Acting Special Agent in Charge, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation, Morrow County Sheriff Steven R. Brenneman and Morrow County Prosecutor Charles S. Howland, announced the indictment returned late Thursday.

Roush and his wife were arrested October 21 after a shooting on an adjoining property involving a Morrow County Sheriff's detective. A search warrant conducted by BCI&I agents, ATF agents and Morrow County Sheriff's deputies led to the seizure of more than 1,500 marijuana plants on the Roush's property.

Each count is punishable by at least ten years and up to life imprisonment. A court hearing for the couple will be scheduled by Judge Algenon L. Marbley, who is presiding over the case.

The indictment also seeks forfeiture of 11 vehicles, including a boat and two motorcycles that were allegedly obtained directly or indirectly from distributing controlled substances or were used in furtherance of the crime.

Stewart commended the cooperative investigation by ATF and BCI&I agents and the Morrow County Sheriff's Office, as well as Assistant U.S. Attorney Salvador A. Dominguez, who is prosecuting the case.

An indictment is merely an accusation. A defendant should be presumed innocent unless convicted in court.

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