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INDICTMENT CHARGES 12 WITH RUNNING GROW HOUSES IN BERKS COUNTY

PHILADELPHIA - Acting United States Attorney Laurie Magid today announced the filing of a superseding Indictment¹ against Hien Ngoc Bui, Dung Bui, a/k/a "Danny Bui," Dung Van Nguyen, Xuan Viet Tran, Sau Nim, Xuan Thi Le, Thai Van Bui, Tuyen Quang Pham, Hoi Thanh Nguyen, Ngo Nguyen, Thi Me To, Nhan Nguyen charging that they conspired to manufacture more than 1,000 marijuana plants, a Schedule I controlled substance. According to the indictment, the defendants, alone or together, purchased properties located at 280 Pathfinder Drive, 1307 Lorraine Road, 624 Cody Drive, and 3350 Craftsbury Court, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and modified and equipped those properties for use as indoor marijuana grow houses.

Hien Ngoc Bui, Dung Bui, Thai Van Bui, and Tuyen Quang Pham are additionally charged with knowingly and intentionally manufacturing more than 100 marijuana plants; maintaining 1307 Lorraine Road, Berks County, for the purpose of manufacturing and distributing marijuana plants; and, manufacturing marijuana plants within 1,000 feet of property (Hampden Park, Reading) owned by the Reading School District.

Dung Van Nguyen, Xuan Viet Tran, Hoi Thanh Nguyen, Thi Me To, and Nhan Nguyen are additionally charged with manufacturing more than 1,000 marijuana plants; using and maintaining 624 Cody Drive, Reading, for the purpose of manufacturing and distributing marijuana plants; and, using and maintaining 280 Pathfinder Drive, Reading, for the purpose of manufacturing marijuana plants.

Sau Nim, Xuan Thi Le, and Ngo Nguyen are additionally charged with using and maintaining 3350 Craftsbury Court, Reading, for the purpose of manufacturing marijuana plants; using and maintaining 3350 Craftsbury Court, Reading, for the purpose of manufacturing marijuana plants within 1,000 feet of the Riverview Christian School, a private Reading elementary school owned by the Calvary Church of the Nazarene.

¹An Indictment or Information is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE DEFENDANTS

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE OR DATE OF BIRTH
Hien Ngoc Bui	Wyomissing, PA	September 9, 1965
Dung Bui, a/k/a "Danny Bui"	Sinking Springs, PA	July 20, 1968
Dung Van Nguyen	Philadelphia, PA	February 15, 1953
Xuan Viet Tran	Philadelphia, PA	September 19, 1964
Sau Nim		October 25, 1966
Xuan Thi Le	Philadelphia, PA	May 9, 1963
Thai Van Bui	Reading, PA	February 25, 1964
Tuyen Quang Pham	Reading, PA	May 25, 1978
Hoi Thanh Nguyen	Philadelphia, PA	May 18, 1958
Ngo Nguyen	Trevose, PA	February 8.1974
Thi Me To	Philadelphia, PA	June 27, 1969
Nhan Nguyen	Philadelphia, PA	July 8, 1965

If convicted of all charges, each of the defendants faces a maximum possible sentence of life imprisonment, with a mandatory minimum of ten years imprisonment.

The case was investigated by the United States Drug Enforcement Administration, with the assistance of the Philadelphia Police Department, the Pennsylvania State Police, the Berks County District Attorney's Office, the Reading Police Department, and the Muhlenberg Township Police Department, and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Frank A. Labor III.

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