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COUPLE ARRESTED FOR CHILD NEGLECT AND MARIJUANA CULTIVATION

WHO: Jason P. Newell (Arrested)
DOB: 11-11-78
Clearwater, Fla.

Heather M. Newell (Arrested)
DOB: 1-29-78
Clearwater, Fla.

8-month-old female (Victim)

WHAT: Cultivation of Marijuana/Child Neglect
Seized: 35 marijuana plants and 84 grams of marijuana

WHERE: 111 Cardova Lane #F
Clearwater, Fla.

WHEN: November 14, 2011
3:30 p.m.

SUMMARY: Officers responded to the scene to assist with the removal of the victim from the home for an unrelated case. Upon entering the residence, the officers smelled a strong odor of marijuana and discovered that one of the bedrooms was dedicated to growing marijuana. The child's crib was in the room next to the grow room. The couple was arrested and the child was taken into protective custody.

