

Burglary at pot club lands 2 people behind bars

Two people are in custody and a third is being sought in connection with a burglary at Patient2Patient, the medical marijuana collective facing closure by South Lake Tahoe officials.

The dispensary was broken into the night of July 8, with officers being called to the property the next morning.

“The suspects stole a variety of items and intentionally caused extensive damage to the interior of the establishment,” according to a press release. July 18 is the first time police disclosed any information about the theft or subsequent arrests.

Ronald “Ronnie” Gionta, 19, of South Lake Tahoe was arrested July 12. A second suspect, a 16-year-old male from South Lake Tahoe, was arrested July 17. Both face felony burglary charges.

“We suspect a third person, a former collective employee, provided the alarm code to the two suspects who actually forcibly entered the establishment to commit the crime,” officers said.

Anyone with information should call the police department at (530) 542.6100 or Secret Witness at (530) 541.6800.

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