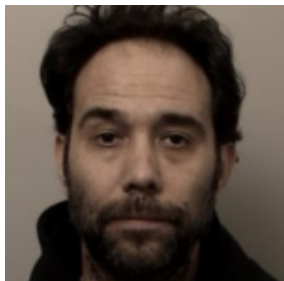


Drug lab shut down on West Slope, 1 arrest



Joshua Martin

El Dorado County sheriff's detectives on Dec. 6 discovered a large scale, commercial style butane extraction lab in Camino.

They were following up on a narcotics investigation in the 5000 block of Monte Vista Way.

Via a search warrant they seized numerous items used in the commercial manufacturing of concentrated cannabis, including multiple commercial vacuum ovens, a closed loop butane oil extraction system, multiple 5 gallon cylinders of butane, and a commercial decanter system.

Also confiscated: \$14,000 in cash, almost \$10,000 in silver, approximately 300 pounds of marijuana and four firearms.

El Dorado County hazmat was called to assist for the potential of explosive solvent chemicals being used in the manufacturing process.

Joshua Martin, 43, of Camino was arrested on charges of manufacturing a controlled substance and conspiracy.

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