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### **Hash Oil Explosion Leads to Arrest**

Wheat Ridge, CO ~ On February 4, 2015 at approximately 4:28 PM, officers with the Wheat Ridge Police Department were called to a home in the 4100 block of Youngfield St. by firefighters with the Arvada Fire Protection District. Firefighters were in the area when they observed a fire at this home. Upon entering the home, firefighters were able to extinguish the flames and observed evidence of a butane explosion due to attempted hash oil extraction.

A subsequent investigation by the Wheat Ridge Police Department found in excess of 400 marijuana plants in two separate buildings on the property. A suspect at the home was taken into custody on charges of Cultivation of Marijuana. Because this investigation is on-going, the name of the suspect cannot be released at this time.

Building Inspectors with the City of Wheat Ridge responded and deemed the buildings uninhabitable due to numerous unsafe modifications. The Wheat Ridge Police Department will release more information on this case as it becomes available.

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