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RE: PATRICIA BERTRAND PLEADS TO GROWING MARIJUANA

OZARK, MO – The Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office announced today that PATRICIA BERTRAND, dob: 9/4/1968 of Ozark, Missouri plead guilty without a plea agreement to the class B felony of producing a controlled substance in front of Christian County Circuit Judge Mark Orr.

On May 20, 2010, members of the Ozark Police Department and the COMET drug task force served a search warrant at 1310 3rd Street in Ozark. This was the location of Ozark Mountain Playground, a business owned by PATRICIA BERTRAND and her husband. During a search of the business, law enforcement located forty seven (47) mature marijuana plants inside a marijuana grow room that was equipped with grow lights, fans, a water source, an air purification system, and electronic timers. Elsewhere in the business, law enforcement located several containers of marijuana, digital scales, a vacuum sealing machine and various other drug paraphernalia. The marijuana that was seized was sent to the Missouri Highway Patrol Crime lab where it was weighed and tested. Total weight from the seizure was in excess of one thousand (1,000) grams of marijuana.

Formal sentencing is set for September 16, 2011. As there was no plea agreement with the Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, PATRICIA BERTRAND faces the entire range of punishment of five (5) to fifteen (15) years in the Missouri Department of Corrections.

