

7 face charges in drug raid

■ 2 children placed in care of the county

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Seven people are facing a slew of charges, including child endangerment for three of them, after law enforcement agents raided their sophisticated honey oil lab operation in Shasta Lake on Friday, authorities say.

The raid, conducted at about 9 a.m. in the 17000 block of Ranchera Road, netted 63 pounds of processed marijuana, 94.5 pounds of marijuana shake and 240 grams of concentrated cannabis, said Les James, head of the Shasta Interagency Narcotics Task Force.

He said agents found the traditional honey oil lab involving butane, a volatile process that produces a much stronger type of marijuana, and six cases of the gas. But, he said, they also found another type of lab called a closed loop process, which is more sophisticated. Those, he said, can process large amounts of cannabis.

Closed loop systems are machines designed to recirculate butane through a sealed system to extract and concentrate the active chemicals from cannabis, according to a manufacturer's website. It says one system costs \$26,980.

A marijuana garden in the backyard supplied the marijuana, James said.

At the home they found Gino Vincent Meyer, 18, and Taylor Joseph Davis, 19, both of Incline Village, Nevada, James said. Two 17-year-old girls were there

and arrested, James said.

All four face charges on suspicion of cultivating marijuana, possession of marijuana for sale and making a controlled substance, James said.

While agents searched the home, Jimmy Lloyd Shively, 29, Makaela Teresa Shively, 23, and Jaime Nicole Ramos, 19, arrived and were arrested in connection with the same charges, James said.

They also face charges of child endangerment after investigators determined a boy, 9, and a girl, 11, live at the home, James said. Those children were placed with Shasta County Child Protective Services. The five adults were taken to the Shasta County Jail while the two minors went to Shasta County Juvenile Hall.

Anyone with information on the case is asked to call 722-9161.