

## **New Milford Police Department February 22, 2017 News Release:**

At the direction of Chief Boyne, with the judicial authority of the Litchfield Superior Court, this month members of the Connecticut State Police Statewide Narcotics Task Force Northwest Office and the New Milford Police Department repurposed to the Town of New Milford Office of the Youth Agency, and its Executive Director Mark Mankin, approximately ten thousand dollars' worth of indoor agricultural growing equipment. This equipment was seized January 8, 2015 by the CSP SNTF-NW, and the New Milford Police Department during an investigation into an elaborate illegal indoor hydroponic Marijuana growing operation located within a residence on Chapin Road. The accused was subsequently arrested and charged with related crimes including the illegal cultivation of Marijuana. Upon the accused's case being disposed of by the Superior Court, and in lieu of destruction, the specialized equipment was requested by the lead investigating officer, TFO Detective Flockhart, to be surrendered to the Town of New Milford Youth Agency for the furthering of its agencies mission, specifically use at the Sullivan Farm recent greenhouse operation expansion.



