

Co-owner of illegal marijuana dispensary in Granada Hills facing prison time

SAN FERNANDO — A man who owned an illegal Granada Hills medical marijuana dispensary with his girlfriend is facing two years in state prison for his no-contest plea to stealing more than \$18,000 worth of electricity, prosecutors said today.

Steven Richard Kall, the 55-year-old co-owner of the Golden State Collective, is due before San Fernando Superior Court Judge Ronald S. Coen on July 9 for sentencing, according to the District Attorney's Office.

Kall — who was out on bail on similar charges in Ventura County at the time of his June 2009 arrest — pleaded no contest last month to cultivation of marijuana, theft of electrical services and possession of marijuana for sale, according to Deputy District Attorney Louis Avila.

His girlfriend, Anne Kathleen Adams, 47, pleaded no contest to cultivation of marijuana and theft of electrical services, the prosecutor said.

She is facing a 120-day jail term and 30 days of community service.

The two also are expected to be ordered to pay \$18,649 in restitution to the Department of Water and Power, officials said.

Police recovered 1,140 marijuana plants inside a house in the 12100 block of Mission Ridge Way the couple had rented as a "grow house," and determined the pair had installed an illegal electrical by-pass and had been growing the marijuana plants with free electricity for eight months, authorities said.

The couple — who purchased the dispensary in Granada Hills in the 10600 block of Balboa Avenue in December 2008 — grossed approximately \$218,000 in sales in a 24-day period, according to sales receipts.

"This case is a perfect example of how illegal marijuana dispensaries spawn additional crimes," District Attorney Steve Cooley said in a statement.