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Thornton Couple Charged with Child Abuse and Drug Offenses

17th Judicial District Attorney Dave Young and the Thornton Police Department announced Thursday that Zaiqiao Feng and Liu Mei Li have been arrested and charged with child abuse and drug offenses.

The couple left their 7-year-old daughter at home alone before leaving the country earlier this month just before the North Metro Task Force executed a search warrant on their residence at 4056 E. 130th Way and found a large marijuana grow operation. They were detained at the Mexico/California border while re-entering the U.S. on April 3 with their 2-year-old daughter.

Both were arrested Wednesday by Thornton police. Feng (DOB 06/06/71) and Li (DOB 07/14/79) are charged with two counts of child abuse (F3), possession with intent to distribute marijuana (DF2), and cultivation of marijuana (DF3).

Feng and Li were advised of the charges Thursday morning. Bond is set at \$50,000 with supervised release and GPS monitoring. Formal advisement is set for April 21.

The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual committed a crime under Colorado law. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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