

Kenner teen accused of growing marijuana in bedroom closet

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A Kenner teen-ager was arrested after police acting on a Crimestoppers Inc. tip discovered marijuana growing in his bedroom closet, authorities said.

Kenner police detectives said they went to Garrett Roth's home at 3802 Ole Miss Drive on Tuesday and obtained his consent to let them search the closet. There they found no clothes but three marijuana plants in various stages of growth on the floor, said Lt. Wayne McInnis, Police Department spokesman. One plant was a couple of inches tall, the second 6 to 8 inches tall and the third more than 1-1/2 feet in height, McInnis said.



To aid the plants' growth, a fan and fluorescent lights hung from the clothes rod, McInnis said. A thermometer on the wall noted that the closet stayed at a warm, steady temperature needed for growing marijuana, McInnis said.

Roth, 17, was booked with manufacturing marijuana and released from custody Wednesday because of jail crowding, McInnis said. His mother referred a reporter Monday to the family's attorney, Stephen Rue, who said: "He's presumed innocent, and he'll have his day in court."