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Placerville Man Arrested for Honey Oil Lab



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Placerville, CA – Placerville Police arrested 32 year old Nicholas Adams on suspicion of manufacturing butane honey oil.

Placerville Police Officers conducted a pedestrian stop at 1296 Broadway late Wednesday night. The pedestrian was in possession of a case of new butane bottles. Initially, the subject lied to the officers about his identity. The name the subject used was a person officers were familiar with and confronted him about this. The subject was later identified as Nicholas Adams.

The officers responded to Adams' residence off of Darlington Avenue in Placerville. During a search of the residence, officers located a THC extraction lab, commonly referred to as a "honey oil lab", in the garage. Adams was arrested for 11379.6 H&S – Drug Extraction Lab.

Honey oil is also called "hash oil" or "wax." It's created when someone uses butane to extract THC from marijuana. There is currently legislation (Senate Bill 212) which increases sentencing

guidelines for hash oil and methamphetamine labs in residential neighborhoods. It makes producing butane hash oil in a residential neighborhood an aggravated felony.

In January of 2014, Placerville Police Officers responded to an apartment fire at Woodridge Apartments. It was later determined that a honey oil lab had exploded causing the fire. Residents from the complex were injured during the fire.

Adams was booked at the county jail and is being held on \$200,000 bail.