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# **NEWS RELEASE**

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## **D.A. Donates Confiscated Grow-Lights to Saul High for Agricultural Science**

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**WHAT:** News Conference

**WHERE:** Saul High for Agricultural Science, 7100 Henry Ave., at Cinnaminson (Map Book p. 16 H-8).

We will meet in the Greenhouse, in the cluster of buildings on the other side of the street from the farm (on the left side of the street coming north on Henry from the city.)

**WHEN:** TUESDAY May 10, 2005 9AM

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District Attorney Lynne Abraham will donate 13 grow lights, once used in illegal marijuana operations, to Saul Agricultural High School Principal Tom Scott, whose students will use the lights to grow seedlings as part of their curriculum.

“We’re happy to have the grow-lights to support the good work of our students,” said Principal Tom Scott.

Saul High for Agricultural Science is a 600-student magnet school, which comprises grades 9 through 12. Students prepare for careers in everything from owning their own landscaping companies to partnerships with the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

The 13 grow lights, with a total value between \$300 and \$500, were confiscated in 2000 and 2001 from three homes where the occupants were growing marijuana plants. In one 2000 case, South Philadelphia detectives were serving a warrant on another matter and obtained a search warrant when they found 14 small plants in a concealed room in the basement. In the second case, police responded to a home invasion in August 2001 in Fishtown and found 76 live plants, paraphernalia, instruction books and how-to videos and a duffel bag with four one-pound bags of marijuana. In the third case, police responded to an anonymous call directing them to a house in Eastwick where they found marijuana plants growing in two modified rooms in the basement. They also found instruction books, liquid fertilizer and a special ventilation system.

“I am delighted to donate these lights to these great students,” said District Attorney Lynne Abraham. “These lights will now be used for the best purpose of all: an investment in the future of our children.”