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Too broke to buy pot, man grew it at home, police say

A man who told investigators he was growing his own marijuana because he couldn't afford to purchase it had his first court appearance Thursday.

John Bicknas, 42, of the 7200 block of Community Drive was arrested Wednesday after about 80 marijuana plants were found in his home, the Escambia County Sheriff's Office said.

"Bicknas stated he has been unemployed for more than a year and has not been able to purchase marijuana like he has done in the past," according to an arrest report.

Bicknas was being held at Escambia County Jail on Thursday on \$15,000 bond. He told the investigators that he learned how to grow marijuana from the Internet, the arrest report said.