Grow op
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Outline.

E 1:

Introduce Barry Tunsley, Mike Gamlin, Suzanne Hammond, Tom Lawrence, and Stacey Watson. Next-door neighbor "Buddy". E 1 consists of a plugged toilet that Barry and Mike have to rectify. Tom Lawrence is rebuilding Barry's engine in his old van. Buddy gets to know the boys. The grow op is top secret. Tom is not involved.

E 2:

Tom gets closer to the subject matter. Barry has equipment that is breaking and needs Tom's abilities to keep things moving. Barry is trying to keep Tom out as he knows Tom, where he is from and why he shouldn't be involved. (See character bio) introduce Stacey Watson more. Barry fixes the toilet. Mike and Elizabeth (Liz) Jones have a house party. Intro the "Munchieman". Barry does some business. Barry meets a lawyer at Mike's party. The boys need fertilizer. They visit the horse track and a pig farm. Both are uninterested in helping. Very suspicious. They end up getting it from police stables.

E 3:

Tom finishes the van. It falls on him. He is okay but has a life altering moment. Barry and Mike see the importance of hiring someone to help pick up the slack. Barry takes Tom for lunch, pays him for his work and tests him out on whether he would or would not like to work for him some more. Tom takes the work since he feels depressed because Stacey had cheated on him the night before. Tom starts at the bottom doing all the work Barry and Mike have no time for. The friendships begin to thicken. Begin building the older brother scenario between Tom and Barry. Barry gives Tom a guitar. They boys have some "end of the work day beers and laughs". The "Munchieman" visits. Tom and him talk about Tom almost dying.

E 4:

Tom notices strange things around the neighborhood. Panel vans and such hanging around a little too long. Tom also sees a change in the neighbors. Introduce the stake out. The audience will meet the police for the first time. Barry is doing more and more deals to keep everyone happy including the investor. He starts feeling the pinch of stress and exhaustion. Suzanne is becoming hard to live with. Barry throws a Bar-B-Q to lighten his mood and to show thanks to the boys for their hard work. Things are looking good as the crop is rising nicely. Slow but sure. Tom is enjoying the single life. Tom informs Barry of what he has noticed. Barry is in disbelief. Close with Barry, alone, playing the guitar.

E 5:

Opens in stake out van. The "op" is under heavy surveillance they watch Barry and Mike come and go then they discover Tom. The "new guy" to them. They do background on Tom. The cops have a hard time finding anything on him. They start by getting his last name. Tom gets close to exposing them. They know it. Tom has a smoke on the front lawn and stares right into the stake out van. They're not sure if they've been discovered or not. One of the agents is a born-again Christian. Foreshadow the "chronic Christians".

E 6:

Open with Tom and Barry having lunch: Tom mentions the things he is seeing again. Brings it home with the facts. Barry still hesitant. Dismisses it again. Tom visits a guitar shop for some strings for his New Harmony Meteor. Sees a M16 in a pawnshop window only to learn it's a 35mm camera for people who love the thrill of the hunt not the kill. Tom brings it home and has some fun.

E 7:

The take down. Cops kick in the door with a warrant. Meanwhile Tom has arrived to show the boys his new toy. The cops see the gun on the way in and think they are heavily armed. When the door is busted in Tom, Barry and Mike and the girls are all posing for pictures after hitting the safety bag. Everyone freaks out including Tom who reacts by turning and pointing the M16 at the cops, as they were unexpected. Shots of stills of the bust in a sequence. Ends

with Barry Mike and Tom in Jail. Barry feels the guilt of involving Tom in the first place. Everyone is questioned individually. Barry uses his one phone call to contact the investor. The investor calls the lawyer whom met Barry at Mike's party. The lawyer gets the boys out as the warrant was for a weed grow house not a mushroom grow house. Under British Columbia law there is nothing illegal about growing fungus. It is illegal to have dried bagged mushrooms ready for sale. They are free. Ends with the boys together in front of the police station meeting the mysterious lawyer whom just saved their asses.

E 8:

Opens with Barry Mike and Tom back at the house assessing the damage. Doors are wrecked; every bin is spilled into a huge pile in the middle of the house. Mud and fertilizer everywhere. Couches slashed open personal belongings strewn about the house. Dishes broken Buddha is terrified. Suzanne is hysterical towards everyone especially Barry. Huge conflict between them. Plenty of talk about who was the rat. Tom thinks Barry is thinking it was Tom. Mike thinks it was Tom. Barry knows it was a neighbor. This is the only thing he heard a cop say that he believes. Especially since he overheard one say it at the police station. But Barry has more to worry about as far as the investor and no way to pay his debt. At the police station the cops are dealing with their own internal problems. Where they went wrong with procedure etc. Also picking through everything the seized and deciding who takes what for personal use. Including some personal pot plants Barry had going in an upstairs closet. Closes with the chronic Christian cop putting the plant down next to the kitchen table. His wife loves it, doesn't know what it is.

E 9:

Opens with Barry and Tom having a low energy lunch. Depressed quiet mood. Tom is wondering what to do next. Barry opens up about the $65,000 he owes the investor. Mike is back home cleaning up a little while talking with Suzanne about her feelings etc. Barry is beginning to obsess about the investor and how he is not returning any of his calls. Starts to believe he will be killed, as they know he can't pay. Also, he is seeing the reality of being busted even though it was a bad warrant. No one else is taking his calls so he can't sell any more dope. He has

become too risky to do business with as everyone he worked with knows about the bust and is their fear that if they take his calls they will be next. Tom is being educated quickly by watching Barry and heeds the warning. He goes to Stacey's work, pulls her out and lays it on her that there is a good chance the cops will come in, intimidate her and question her about Tom's involvement with Barry and Barry's business. They re-bond as Stacey shows Tom a side of her he never knew before. She is a stand up gal in the end. They will date a few times and end it forever on a great note.

E 10:

Barry arms the boys with their own guns, as he fears someone is planning to take a run at them. Suzanne and Barry having more and more problems. Suzanne is upset because her house is destroyed and now they are being evicted. The landlord has a right to evict immediately when illegal activity has occurred. Mike and Liz spend more time together as Mike is not working every day. Tom goes his own way, dates a few women, and sees Stacey. Paranoia building in mostly Tom and Barry. Mike is somewhat more composed about the whole thing and is more focused on getting back to work. Mike is pissed at the cops, develops his own conspiracy theory on why they bust grow houses. Dream sequence of the theory. Cops do raids, take product from growers, and have parties of their own, pay off politicians. See premier smoking dube with finance minister talking about how much of a surplus they have to work with. Lawyer talks with investor on the phone about the bail out. Tells him it all went very well. Everything went as planned. Barry playing more and more guitar gets a crew together and they start playing a few gigs. Barry hitting the substances harder. Can't deal with everything. Closes with him and Suzanne fighting after a gig. Barry passes out.

E 11:

Opens with Barry talking to an old friend in a park. He is doing a large deal with someone he hasn't seen in a long time. Thanks the guy for working with him. The friend is more than happy to help as he has been in the same situation. They talk about it, compare notes. Tom has his world coming down on him. He is reminiscing always about what his brother went through before he was killed. He has dreams where his brother comes to him and guilds him. Tom

is also dealing with genital warts he got from one of his various dates. Because of this he is aloof towards the boys which makes Barry and Mike both question his integrity. All the while it was doctor appointments that has kept him away. Barry has Mike follow Tom. Mike sees he is going to the doctor. Barry and Mike now think Tom is sick so they take him for beers. Everything comes to a head when Tom realizes he's been not only followed around town but also doubted. He tells them why he has been to the doctor. Apologies and laughs all around. Becomes a bonding moment.

E 12:

Barry getting deeper and deeper into personal depression. Drugs are getting bigger and booze all the time. Mike and Tom start to notice. Barry into Blow, peyote and Opium. Barry finally hears from the investor. He wants to see Barry. Barry freaks out, gets wasted watching "the godfather" and thinks he's about to be killed. Goes upstairs locks himself in the bedroom and plays the guitar with the gun on the nightstand. Tom drops by and meets Suzanne at the door. They talk for a while about Barry and how freaked he is lately. She feels bad for freaking out on him. Talk about her guilt. Finally, tom asks where Barry is. She tells him upstairs. Tom thinks quickly about the gun, him watching the godfather and remembers his brother. Runs upstairs to find the bedroom door locked. At this point Barry is high on opium. Taking more hits. Drinking from a 24 at his feet and holding the gun. When he hears Tom, he gets mad. Threatens to shoot him through the door. Suzanne overhears, gets involved. Tom busts in the door points his gun at Barry. Barry has his to his head. Says, 'would you?" Tom talks Barry down and helps him through the high. Gives the weapons to Suzanne to deal with. She hides them. She rejoins them and they all get super gunned and deal with it.

E 13:

Tom encourages Barry to visit the investor like he was asked. Tom and Mike put together a protection plan for Barry to make him feel confidant. They all agree, no one goes down for this. Tom lost his brother, Mike lost a friend back home, and Barry doesn't want to die. They swear on it. Barry goes to the investor's house. The investor is all smiles. Serious but all smiles. Thirty seconds of small talk when he brings up the matter of $65,000 and the

accumulating interest. He apologizes for the bust and the situation, which confuses Barry. He explains how it had to happen as they were getting too close to three other operations that he has going which are worth millions of dollars so he had to give them Barry's as a payoff. He was responsible for the bad warrant. He was the rat he called it in to their anonymous tip line. He forgives Barry for all the money owed. Barry is dumbfounded. Investor laughs, "what? You weren't gonna kill yourself or nothin' were you?"