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Deputies find marijuana farm growing in wooded area near lower Rouge River

◆ *Sheriff says that crop, if harvested, could have been worth up to \$400,000 on the street*

Wayne County Sheriff's Deputies have shut down a significant marijuana growing operation in an unlikely place, according Sheriff Warren C. Evans.

On Tuesday afternoon, sheriff's deputies received a tip over the telephone from someone who said they had just come across a large number of large pot plants growing in a deeply wooded area near the Lower Rouge River, near Beech Daly on the Inkster-Dearborn Heights border.

Evans said his officer immediately investigated the tip and were able to find the location, where they discovered a crop of more than 70 plants, each about four feet tall.

If harvested, Evans said that the crop could have fetched upwards of \$400,000 in street sales.

Evans said that when officers discovered the growing operation, they also found that each plant had an irrigation system to water and feed the plants between visits from the operator.

"We found bottles of water and Miracle Grow fertilizer that we believe were used to provide food and water to the plants," Evans said. "Whoever was growing these plant had thought it through pretty well, but they are certainly going to be disappointed next time they go back to their illegal farm."

Evans said his officers confiscated the plants and placed them into evidence. The plants eventually will be destroyed, along with other illegal drugs confiscated by the Sheriff's Office.



“Our officers felt it was best to remove the plants, since at least one person already had stumbled across them. This was not far from a residential area, so we didn’t want children exploring in the woods to come across the plants first.”

Evans said that anyone with information that could lead investigators to the pot farmer should call the Sheriff’s Office at 734-721-2222.