

## **Apple Valley marijuana operation shut down**

An indoor marijuana growing operation was shut down in Apple Valley late Monday nights. According to Knox County Sheriff David Barber, detectives executed a search warrant late Monday evening at a residence on Baldwin Heights Circle, Howard, discovering an indoor marijuana growing operation in the basement.

Barber said detectives found a hydroponic growing operation and seized several live plants, dried marijuana and drug paraphernalia.

No arrests were made at the time the search warrant was executed. The continuing investigation is being handled by Detective Sgt. Gary Rohler and detectives Roger Brown and David Light. Mount Vernon Municipal Court Probation Officer Rene Joris assisted the sheriff's office in the investigation.

The Knox County Sheriff's office is an active member of the METRICH Enforcement Unit.

Anyone with information about marijuana cultivation or other drug activity is asked to call sheriff's office Detective Division at 393-6800 or the toll free Crime Tip Line at (800) TIP US OFF (800-847-8763).

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