

Marijuana plants seized

For the second time in less than a week, a large quantity of marijuana plants has been seized by the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

According to Knox County Sheriff David Barber, detectives, assisted by the Fredericktown Police Department and an Ohio State Highway Patrol pilot, seized 40 large plants off Zolman Road, just north of Fredericktown, Monday afternoon.

Sheriff's detectives received information on the possible location on the marijuana patch and enlisted the assistance of an airplane and pilot from the state patrol to check the area, which led to Monday's discovery.

A second group of plants was also located by the highway patrol Monday off Sockman Road. Over a dozen plants were seized from this location.

No arrests have been made in regard to these discoveries. Barber estimates the two crops to have a street value of over \$150,000.

"We are continuing to take the profit out of someone's criminal enterprise," Barber said.

Anyone with information about marijuana cultivation or other drug activity in the county is asked to call the KCSO's detective division at 363-6800 or the toll-free crime tip line at (800) TIP-US-Off (1-800-847-8763 ext. 333).

The Knox County Sheriff's Office and the Ohio State Highway Patrol are active members of the METRICH Enforcement Unit.

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