

Major Pot Bust In Southern Benton County

Thursday, June 26th, 2008

BENTON COUNTY -- A large scale marijuana operation is shut down this morning in southern Benton County.

The Benton County Sheriff's Office says the operation was an active campsite on the Umatilla National Wildlife Refuge.

It had two wells, several thousand plants in the ground, and several more thousand still in nursery pots.

A total of 9,421 plants were found.

If the plants were grown to maturity, they would have a value of between 9 and 14 million dollars.

The Benton County Regional Swat Team and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Officers also worked on this morning's bust.