

Austin police received a tip Sunday, June 17, about marijuana possibly being grown off a street on the community north side.

Capt. Paul Clute and Patrolman Nathan Hall got the called-in tip. When they investigated, they saw a fairly good-sized plot of marijuana, containing a little over two dozen maturing plants. They were discovered in a wooded area off Hill Street.

Police Chief Donald Spicer said the officers pulled up the plants and carried them out after photographing the operation. Chief Spicer estimated the possible street value of the plants, when mature, to be around \$50,000.

The case is still being investigated, advised the police chief.

Anyone having any further information about marijuana being grown in the community or about this particular "farm" is urged to call the department at 794-4623 or the 24-hour tip line operated by the Scott County Sheriff's Department at 752-7898.

Tipsters can also call the Sellersburg post of the Indiana State Police toll-free at 1-800-872-6743.

Callers may remain anonymous.