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On Wednesday afternoon members of the Delaware County Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division, acting on a tip, seized more than fifty marihuana plants along with a quantity of dried processed marihuana in the Town of Hancock.

Following the seizure, Investigators arrested and charged 58 year old James R. Nelson, of State Highway 30, Colchester, with Criminal Possession of Marihuana in the Third Degree, a class E felony, and Unlawful Cultivation of Marihuana, an unclassified misdemeanor. The Criminal Possession of Marihuana in the Third Degree charge may be upgraded to a more serious felony charge when a more specific aggregate, dried weight is established by the crime laboratory.

Nelson is accused of growing and possessing marihuana near his Town of Hancock residence.

Nelson was issued appearance tickets returnable in the Town of Hancock Court on Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, and was released.

Undersheriff Craig DuMond encourages the continued use of the Sheriff's Office toll free tip line, (888) 914-9111, to report suspected marihuana growing operations, drug trafficking and other criminal activity. "The public is our greatest asset in crime reduction...tips definitely make a difference", the Undersheriff remarked. All calls to the Sheriff's TIP line remain confidential.

