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Patrol seizes 3 pounds of BC Bud marijuana, valued at more than \$135,000 in Lucas County traffic stop

SWANTON – Two men from Maine and a man from Montana are facing felony drug charges after Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seized 3 pounds of BC Bud marijuana, valued at more than \$135,000 during a traffic stop Friday on the Ohio Turnpike in Lucas County.

Troopers stopped a 2003 Toyota Sequoia for a registration violation, and a 2001 Volvo XC70 for a following too closely violation, westbound on the Ohio Turnpike near milepost 49 at approximately 9:51 a.m. Friday.

The driver of the Toyota, Charles L. Clark, 24, of Bozeman, Mont., was charged with possession of drugs and trafficking in drugs, both third-degree felonies. The driver of the Volvo, Aaron S. Gile, 19, of Gorham, Maine, and his passenger, Will P. Clark, 20 of Windham, Maine were both charged with complicity, a third-degree felony.

After the stop, occupants of both vehicles admitted to traveling together. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to both vehicles. A probable cause search revealed 3 pounds of BC Bud marijuana and paraphernalia in the Toyota.

The suspects are incarcerated in the Lucas County Jail. If convicted, Charles Clark could face up to 10 years in prison and a \$20,000 fine. Will Clark and Aaron Gile could both face up to five years in prison and up to a \$10,000 fine.

BC Bud marijuana is one of the most potent strains of cannabis, which is usually cultivated in British Columbia. It has a THC content of 30 percent as compared to only four percent in traditional marijuana.

Through November 2008, the Patrol seized more than 4.6 million grams of illegal narcotics valued at nearly \$45 million. In 2007, the Patrol seized more than 3.3 million grams of illegal narcotics valued at approximately \$53.8 million.

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