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Man arrested for Illegal Drug Conveyance at Allen Correctional Institution

Suspect attempted to throw packages containing drugs, cell phones and tobacco over fence

LIMA - A man seen tossing packages over the wall at the Allen Correctional Institution was arrested today by Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers for attempting to convey drugs onto the grounds of the Allen Correctional Institution.

Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers charged Christopher Pickens Hughes, 27, of Celina, with attempting to convey drugs onto the grounds of a detention facility, a third-degree felony.

Department of Rehabilitation and Correction staff members observed an unknown package along the perimeter of the fence surrounding the institution. A trooper responded to the scene and observed Hughes, dressed in black attire and carrying a suitcase, on foot in the wooded area. The suspect was arrested without incident.

Two packages were recovered from the inside of the perimeter fence and another eight were found inside the suitcase. In total the following were seized:

- 292 Grams of suspected marijuana (Institutional value of \$650 per ounce*)
- 3,384 Grams of loose leaf tobacco (Institutional value of \$500 per pound*)
- 5 cell phones with charger/earpiece (Institutional value of \$750 per phone*)
- 35 packages of rolling papers
- 17 lighters
- 5 packages of cigarettes (Institutional value of \$3 per cigarette*)
- 4 packages of cigars
- 3 cans of chewing tobacco
- 1 package of commercial loose leaf tobacco (Institutional value of \$500 per pound*)
- 1 bottle of Excedrin PM
- 1 package of condoms

** Note: Values may vary by institution depending on supply and demand.*

Hughes was incarcerated in the Allen County Jail. If convicted, he could face five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine. The Ohio State Highway Patrol investigates criminal activity on state-owned and leased property.

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Editor's Note: A photo of the seized marijuana is available for download at www.statepatrol.ohio.gov.

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