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Troopers find large amount of marijuana in canned shrimp containers

Subsequent search of business reveals additional marijuana

CHILLICOTHE – A man from Kentucky is facing felony drug charges after Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seized 53 pounds of marijuana, valued at more than \$120,000 during a traffic stop in Ross County and subsequent search of a business in Licking County yesterday.

Troopers stopped a 1997 Buick, with Kentucky registration, for following too close and marked lanes violations on US 23 near milepost 10 at approximately 1:53 p.m. on Tuesday. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 25 pounds of marijuana concealed in five-pound metal shrimp containers.

Evidence collected from investigators on the scene resulted in a search warrant being served to a business in Licking County. Licking County Drug Task Force/CODE and troopers searched the property and located another 28 pounds of marijuana.

The driver, Jose S. Guzman, 60, of Grayson, KY., was charged with possession of marijuana and trafficking in marijuana, both third-degree felonies.

Guzman was incarcerated in the Ross County Jail. If convicted, he could each face up to 10 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

A photo of the seized marijuana is available for download on the Patrol's web site at www.statepatrol.ohio.gov.

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