

Ohio State Highway Patrol

Media Release



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Patrol seizes 83 pounds of marijuana, valued at more than \$188,000 in Preble County traffic stop

DAYTON – A New Yorker is facing felony drug charges after Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seized 83 pounds of marijuana, valued at more than \$188,000 during a traffic stop last Thursday in Preble County.

Troopers stopped a 2011 Kia Sorento SUV for an unsafe lane change on Interstate 70, near milepost 8, at approximately 9:28 a.m. on January 27. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed three large bundles of marijuana, four marijuana cigarettes, and 45 prescription pills.

The driver, William J. Meyer, 38 of Rochester, NY, was charged with trafficking in marijuana, a second-degree felony. Other charges are possible.

The suspect was incarcerated in the Preble County Jail. If convicted, he could face up to 8 years in prison and a \$15,000 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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