

# Ohio State Highway Patrol

## Media Release

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### **Patrol seizes 53 pounds of hydroponic marijuana, valued at more than \$240,000 in Preble County traffic stop**

DAYTON – A man from California is facing felony drug charges after Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seized 53 pounds of hydroponic marijuana, valued at more than \$240,000 during a traffic stop last Thursday in Preble County.

Troopers stopped a 2008 Chevy Silverado for a moving violation on Interstate 70, near milepost 8, at approximately 1:32 p.m. on February 3. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 53 pounds of hydroponic marijuana.

The driver, George R. Clay, 52 of Red Bluff, Cali., was charged with possession of marijuana, a second-degree felony.

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](http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov).

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