

# Ohio State Highway Patrol

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## **Patrol seizes 31 pounds of BC Bud marijuana, valued at more than \$124,000 in Lorain County traffic stop**

LORAIN – An Illinois man is facing felony drug charges after Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seized 31 pounds of BC Bud marijuana, valued at more than \$124,000 during a traffic stop yesterday on the Ohio Turnpike in Amherst Township in Lorain County.

Troopers stopped a 2009 Toyota Prius with New York registration for speed and marked lanes violations westbound on the Ohio Turnpike near milepost 149 at approximately 4:23 p.m. Monday. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 31 pounds of BC Bud marijuana in the trunk.

The driver, Jose Duran, 32, of Aurora, Ill., was charged with possession of drugs, a third-degree felony. Duran was incarcerated in the Lorain County Jail. If convicted, he could face up to 5 years in prison and 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 August 2009, the Patrol seized more than 3 million grams of illegal narcotics valued at approximately \$19.3 million. In 2008, the Patrol seized more than 5.2 million grams of illegal narcotics valued at approximately \$47.5 million.

Photos of the seized drug are available for download at [www.statepatrol.ohio.gov](http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov).

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