

# Ohio State Highway Patrol

## Media Release

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### **Patrol seizes 39 pounds of hydroponic marijuana, valued at more than \$195,000 in Summit County traffic stop**

BEREA – A man from California is facing felony drug charges after Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seized 39 pounds of hydroponic marijuana, valued at \$195,000 during a traffic stop yesterday in Summit County.

Troopers stopped a 2007 Toyota Tacoma for failing to signal a lane change on the Ohio Turnpike, near milepost 178, at approximately 2:28 p.m. on March 23. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed multiple vacuum sealed packages of hydroponic marijuana.

The driver, Jonathan Shafer, 27, of San Diego, Cali., was charged with possession of marijuana and aggravated trafficking of marijuana, both second-degree felonies.

Schafer was incarcerated in the Summit County Jail. If convicted, he could face up to 16 years in prison and a \$30,000 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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