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## **Cincinnati woman arrested for Illegal Drug Conveyance at Warren Correctional Institution**

LEBANON - A Cincinnati woman will appear in Lebanon Municipal Court today after troopers arrested her yesterday for attempting to convey drugs into the Warren Correctional Institution.

Malena G. Cox, 39, of Cincinnati was charged with conveying drugs onto the grounds of a detention facility, a third-degree felony.

Troopers and Department of Rehabilitation and Correction investigators obtained information that Cox would be conveying drugs to her son during a scheduled visit. When Cox arrived for her visit, troopers confronted her and she voluntarily surrendered 4 small packages that she had concealed on her person. Three of the packages contained regular tobacco, and one package contained approximately three grams of marijuana. The prison is a non-smoking facility, so the tobacco is considered contraband.

Cox was incarcerated in the Warren County Jail. If convicted, she could face five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol investigates criminal activity on state-owned and leased property.

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

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