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Patrol seizes 182 pounds of marijuana, valued at more than \$412,000 in Lucas County traffic stop

SPRINGFIELD TWP – A Michigan man is facing felony drug charges after Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seized 182 pounds of marijuana, valued at more than \$412,000, during a traffic stop this morning in Lucas County.

James C. Statzer, 43, of Buchanan, Mich., was charged with drug abuse and trafficking in drugs, both second-degree felonies.

Troopers stopped a rented Mercury Grand Marquis, with Colorado registration, for a marked lanes violation on the Ohio Turnpike near milepost 55 at approximately 9:07 a.m. today. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 182 pounds of marijuana.

The suspect is incarcerated in the Lucas County Jail. If convicted, Statzer 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.

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