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Patrol seizes 238 pounds of hydroponic marijuana, valued at more than \$1.2 million in Lucas County traffic stop

TOLEDO – Three men are facing felony drug charges after Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seized 238 pounds of hydroponic marijuana, valued at more than \$1.2 million during a traffic stop yesterday in Lucas County.

The driver of the vehicle, Richard H. Weaver, 34, of Elmsford, N.Y., and two passengers, David A. Valentini, 33, of Naples, Fla., and Robert P. Weaver, 26, of Toms River, N.J., were all charged with trafficking in marijuana and possession of marijuana, both second-degree felonies.

Troopers stopped a 2007 Gulfstream 28-foot motor home, with Pennsylvania registration, for a marked lanes violation on the Ohio Turnpike near milepost 57 at approximately 1 p.m. yesterday. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 238 pounds of hydroponic marijuana.

The suspects were incarcerated in the Lucas County Jail. If convicted, they could each 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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