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Patrol seizes 69 pounds of hydroponic marijuana from California Bounty Hunters in Lorain County traffic stop

Amherst Township – Two Californian bounty hunters and an Illinois man are facing felony drug charges after Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seized 69 pounds of hydroponic marijuana, valued at nearly \$350,000 during a traffic stop last Friday in Lorain County.

Troopers stopped a 2010 GMC Yukon, with Illinois registration, for a marked lanes violation on the Ohio Turnpike near milepost 139 at approximately 8:42 a.m. on Friday. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 69 pounds of hydroponic marijuana.

The driver, Burim Aliu, 28, of Plainfield, Ill., and passengers; certified bounty hunter, Ricky Dang, 25, of West Covina, Cali., self-proclaimed bounty hunter, Tung Kha, 36, of Alhambra, Cali., were all charged with possession of marijuana, a first-degree felony. The suspects were enroute to New York.

All three suspects were incarcerated in the Lorain County Jail. If convicted, they could each face up to 10 years in prison and a \$20,000 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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