

Ohio State Highway Patrol



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Troopers seize 100 pounds of marijuana in Lucas County

MAUMEE – Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers filed felony drug charges against a California man after a traffic stop in Lucas County. During the traffic stop, troopers seized 100 pounds of marijuana valued at approximately \$450,000.

On April 26, at 8:20 a.m., troopers stopped a 2010 Ford Flex with California registration for a speed violation on Interstate 80 near milepost 59. During interaction with the driver, troopers detected an odor of raw marijuana coming from the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed the contraband.

The driver, Artin Geshishyan Khoygani, 32, of Montrose, Calif., was incarcerated in the Lucas County Jail and charged with possession and trafficking in marijuana, both second-degree felonies.

If convicted, he could face up to 16 years in prison and up to a \$30,000 fine.

A photo of the seized contraband is available for download on the Patrol's website at www.statepatrol.ohio.gov

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