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Lebanon Correction Officer arrested for Illegal Drug Activity

LEBANON- A Lebanon Correction Officer is scheduled to appear in Warren County Court today after troopers arrested him last Friday afternoon for attempting to convey drugs into the Lebanon Correctional Institution.

Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers charged John H. Curless, 35, from Blanchester, with third-degree felony attempting to convey drugs onto the grounds of a detention facility, fifth-degree felony possession of drugs, and fifth-degree felony possession of criminal tools.

Troopers and Department of Rehabilitation and Correction investigators obtained information that Curless was working for an inmate to bring drugs into the Lebanon Correctional Institution. Curless was arrested on March 14 at 3:50 p.m. after troopers caught him meeting his contact to pick up marijuana, crack cocaine, and heroin that was intended to be taken into the prison.

Curless was incarcerated in the Warren County Jail. If convicted, he could face up to seven years in prison and a \$15,000 fine.

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

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