

# Ohio State Highway Patrol

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### **Patrol seizes 47 pounds of marijuana, valued at more than \$132,000 in Preble County traffic stop**

EATON – Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seized 47 pounds of marijuana, valued at more than \$132,000 during a traffic stop Friday on Interstate 70 in Preble County. The suspect was arraigned today in Eaton Municipal Court on felony charges associated with the case.

The driver, Clifford Ray Adoptante, 34, of Riverside, CA, was charged with possession of marijuana, a second-degree felony and possession of criminal tools, a fifth-degree felony.

Troopers stopped a Penske Rental Truck with Indiana registration, for speed and marked lane violations eastbound near milepost 6 on Interstate 70 in Preble County at 12:02 p.m. Friday. A Patrol drug-detecting canine alerted to the vehicle and a probable cause search revealed 47 pounds of marijuana.

Adoptante was incarcerated in the Preble County Jail. If convicted, he could face up to nine years in prison and up to a \$17,500 fine.

Through February, the Patrol seized more than 17,000 grams of illegal narcotics valued at approximately \$1,195, 000. In 2007, the Patrol seized more than 3.3 million grams of illegal narcotics valued at approximately \$53.8 million.

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