

Ohio State Highway Patrol



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Troopers seize 70 pounds of marijuana in Fulton County

WAUSEON – Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers filed felony drug charges against a California man after a traffic stop in Fulton County. During the traffic stop, troopers seized 70 pounds of marijuana, which is valued at approximately \$318,000.

On December 31, 2017, at 12:44 a.m., troopers stopped a rented 2017 Ford Expedition with California registration for a speed violation on Interstate 80 near milepost 28. Criminal indicators were observed and a Wauseon Police Department drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed the contraband.

The suspect, Joseph Evans, 25, of Chula Vista, Calif., was incarcerated in the Correction Center of Northwest Ohio and charged with possession of marijuana, a second-degree felony.

If convicted, he could face up to eight years in prison and up to a \$15,000 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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