

Massachusetts State Police seize over 360 Pounds of Marijuana after Motor Vehicle Stop in Sturbridge

Last night at about 8:35 p.m., Trooper Michael Barrera assigned to State Police- Sturbridge was on patrol in the area of Exit 3A on Route 84 in Sturbridge when he observed a 2017 Toyota Sienna minivan merge onto the off-ramp at a clocked speed of 50 miles per hour. The speed limit on the ramp is 30 miles per hour. Trooper Berrera activated the cruiser's lights and stopped the minivan on Route 20 eastbound prior to the Shell Gas Station.

As Trooper Berrera conversed with the operator, ALEXANDER KONG, 40 of Bayside, N.Y., and informed him of the reason for the stop, Troopers Joel Daoust, James Melberg, and Matthew Gray arrived on scene to assist.

Troopers received consent to search the vehicle. The results of the search revealed KONG was concealing more than 362 pounds of a substance believed to be marijuana inside three cardboard boxes, seven duffel bags and seven trash bags. Each one-pound marijuana package was heat-sealed. Troopers immediately placed KONG under arrest for trafficking marijuana and his vehicle was towed from the scene after a thorough search. KONG was also cited for speeding.

KONG was transported to State Police-Sturbridge for booking where bail was set at \$15,040, which he was unable to post. KONG was transferred to State Police-Charlton, where he was held until his arraignment today in Dudley District Court.