

Montana Trooper

On the Road



On July 20, 2012, the 20 year-old driver of this Acura learned the hard way that Lortab pain pills and fence rails don't mix. He survived, but he suffered severe chest and abdominal trauma, as well as some legal issues. This crash was investigated by Trooper Scott Bennett, with Total Station by Troopers Jeremiah Snider and Pat Heaney.

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On June 4, 2012, an MHP trooper stopped a vehicle headed from Great Falls to Billings for a registration violation on Montana Highway 239 near milepost 7 in Judith Basin County. The vehicle occupants gave indicators of possible criminal activity, and a subsequent search of the vehicle yielded fifteen buttons of peyote and a small quantity of marijuana.

On June 6, 2012, a vehicle was stopped by an MHP trooper on Interstate 90 near milepost 308 which was traveling from Everett, WA, to the borough of Manhattan, in New York, NY. There was a strong odor of marijuana detected, and a subsequent search revealed six large duffel bags in the vehicle containing approximately 220 pounds of marijuana.

On August 8, 2012, a speeding vehicle headed from Spokane, WA, to Billings

was stopped on Interstate 90 near milepost 387 by an MHP trooper. Subsequent to the stop and a refusal of consent to search, the male driver fled and led troopers on a chase. Once the vehicle dove through a fence and crashed into a nearby river, it is believed the driver dumped approximately three pounds of methamphetamine into the river. Seized were the containers and \$2362 in currency.

On August 27, 2012, on Interstate 90 near milepost 314 in Gallatin County, an MHP trooper stopped a speeding vehicle traveling from Bozeman to Billings, and the male driver exhibited indicators of illegal activity. A search of the suspect's person revealed \$7688 in cash, as well as some white powdered substance on the floor of the vehicle.

On November 9, 2012, an MHP trooper stopped a speeding vehicle on I-90 near milepost 62 in Mineral County. The male driver was headed from California to Missoula. Drug trafficking indicators were present, which included the strong odor of marijuana. A subsequent search of the vehicle by search warrant yielded 62 pounds of marijuana and one pound of hashish in garbage bags in the trunk.

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In August of 2012, Trooper Lath Keith sent this photo with a Bobcat being used in place of a jack while changing

a flat tire on a trailer. You can insert your favorite caption, but one might read, "Jack? Who needs a jack when you have a Bobcat in the back of the trailer?"

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Pictured is the Mobile Impaired Driving Assessment Center (MIDAC) in Yellowstone National Park for a Traffic Safety Checkpoint, June 30, 2012. Over the past several years, Montana Highway Patrol troopers have assisted Yellowstone National Park Rangers with numerous operations including Traffic Safety Checkpoints, SFST and ARIDE instruction, and DRE evaluations. Submitted by Trooper Derek Brown. □