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## **News Release**

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Sheriff Lavender reports that for the third time in a little over a week efforts by Deputy Brett McKnight and the entire patrol division have led to a drugs being seized as a result of a traffic stop.

Deputy McKnight was patrolling on Western Avenue in the area of Sunrush at approximately midnight. He observed a vehicle traveling west bound on Western Avenue without a working license plate light. Deputy McKnight performed a traffic stop on the vehicle which was occupied by a male driver and a female passenger.

Deputy McKnight noticed an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle on his initial contact. Deputy McKnight asked the occupants if there were any weapons or drugs in the vehicle and they both stated no.

Deputy McKnight requested assistance from the Chillicothe Police Department and their K-9 Officer. Officer Tonya Gannon and K-9 Ciko arrived and Ciko alerted on the vehicle. Deputy McKnight informed the driver that the K-9 had alerted and he told Deputy McKnight that there was some marijuana on the passenger who was identified as 19 year old Tiffany Jenkins. At this time Mrs. Jenkins advised Deputy McKnight that she had the marijuana concealed in her under garments. The marijuana was retrieved by Mrs. Jenkins and given to Officer Gannon. Mrs. Jenkins gave Officer Gannon a bag containing six individual bags of a green, leafy, vegetation that field tested positive for marijuana.

The bag and its contents were taken as evidence and Mrs. Jenkins was issued a minor misdemeanor citation for possession of marijuana.

Sheriff Lavender would like to thank Chief Roger Moore of the Chillicothe Police Department for his continuing cooperation, as well as commend Officer Gannon and K9 Ciko.