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Car Crash Turns into Pot Bust

On Monday, November 24, 2014 at around 2:45am, the Barnstable Police responded to Old Stage Road in West Barnstable for a motor vehicle crash. Initial reports were that a vehicle took down a utility pole, before flipping over and landing on its roof, and leaving live electrical wires strewn around the scene.

Several units responded and closed the road until NStar could make the scene safe. Patrol Officers Joe Green and Corbin Fries conducted the investigation, locating the operator (30 year old Simon WIINIKAINEN of Centerville) rummaging frantically through the upside-down vehicle. Officers moved him away from the vehicle and the live wires dangling just above it to ascertain what caused the accident. He explained that he was headed home when his dog jumped into the front seat and while trying to move it back he lost control and crashed.

WIINIKAINEN was nervous and acting strangely, keeping his hands inside of his sweatshirt. He was evaluated by West Barnstable Rescue and refused medical treatment. Officers stood by while he sat on the grass with his dog, and as soon as his wife arrived he got up and hastily went to her vehicle. Patrolman Green followed closely behind and observed WIINIKAINEN pull a bag out from under his clothes and attempt to conceal it under a seat in his wife's car.

The bag was seized and located inside the bag were several ziplock bags, filled with what appeared to be marijuana, and identified by different names written on the bags in marker. WIINIKAINEN tried to tell the officers that the marijuana, which was packaged for sale and all together weighed approximately 4.5 ounces, was for personal use and that he had a medical marijuana card.

More marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and more than \$700 in cash were also seized from the vehicle and the crash site.



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Simon WIINIKAINEN was arrested and charged with possession of a class D substance with intent to distribute, negligent operation, failing to stay within marked lanes, and impeded operation.



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