

# Shelby: 285 pounds of 'broccoli' seized

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SHELBY -- Police confiscated 285 pounds of marijuana Friday after a produce delivery truck at a Shelby business turned out to be unloading more than broccoli.

Police Chief Charlie Roub estimated the street value of the eight bails of marijuana at \$342,000.

"We got a call from the owner of a local business," Roub said Friday night. "They were unloading a truckload of produce.

"One pallet in particular looked a little different. Part of it was kind of covered up. There were a number of green packages with clear wrapping."

Roub said employees took a closer look and discovered the bundles contained marijuana. He declined to name the business.

"They did everything right," he said. "I don't want them associated with anything bad."

The delivery driver, Elias Cruz, 31, of Elsa Hidalgo, Texas, was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, a second-degree felony. He will be arraigned Monday.

"His explanation wasn't really suitable," Roub said.

A second man in the truck was not charged.

Roub credited the METRICH Enforcement Unit and the Ohio Highway Patrol for their help with the bust, which he called the biggest he can remember.

"To get that amount of drugs off the street is just fantastic," he said. "It's a big boost for us."

Roub said the marijuana would be destroyed when the case is resolved.

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