

TRAFFIC STOP IN ARKANSAS WINDS WAY TO DRUG CHARGES IN NORFOLK

Federal agencies get involved after troopers seize cash

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Something about Phillip Jernigan's Monaco motor home made Arkansas State Police want to search it.

When Jernigan told a trooper he would not consent to a search after he was stopped on Interstate 40, police brought in a drug-sniffing dog, which gave a "positive alert" for the odor of drugs in the Norfolk man's vehicle, according to a search warrant affidavit.

In addition to a small amount of marijuana inside

the case

Months after he was stopped in Arkansas while driving a motor coach in which police said they found marijuana along with \$179,800 in cash, Phillip Jernigan was arrested. Drug charges he now faces in Norfolk followed an investigation that began with the Arkansas traffic stop.

the motor home, troopers found a total of \$179,800 in cash under a bed and in a closet, the affidavit said.

Jernigan and another man in the vehicle denied ownership of the money and were sent on their way. Arkansas State Police kept the cash.

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