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Police seize \$22,400 in I-68 traffic stop

CUMBERLAND - Cash totaling more than \$22,000 was seized during a traffic stop Tuesday on Interstate 68 by Maryland State Police after a drug-detecting dog alerted to the presence of narcotics in the vehicle.

Tfc. C.W. Miller seized \$22,400 that was found in the 1995 Nissan passenger vehicle occupied by four adult males.

The traffic stop was made at 8 a.m. on westbound I-68 at Rocky

Gap when the vehicle was clocked traveling at 74 mph in the 65-mph zone. The vehicle was allegedly traveling too close to another vehicle, prompting police to issue a traffic warning to the driver.

Following the stop, Allegany County Deputy Sheriff Wade Sibley's drug dog, Jack, alerted to the presence of narcotics in the vehicle. However, no drugs were found.

The cash was found in a

plastic bag inside the glove compartment and in the driver's possession.

Following consultation with the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the money was seized as "drug money," police said.

The occupants of the vehicle were interviewed at the scene and released. An investigation is continuing.

Assistance was provided by another county deputy and by Maryland Natural Resources Police.