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A Worcester man was arrested and over two thousand dollars of suspected drug money was seized by Webster Police early Monday morning after a routine motor vehicle stop.

According to Webster Police just before midnight on Sunday K9 Officer Aaron Suss was on routine patrol when he observed a vehicle speeding on East Main Street. After stopping it and interacting with the operator, Vasilios Tsoutsis, 27 of 3 Moss Street Worcester, was nervous and "jittery" during the car stop. He said his girlfriend had just given birth the day before and was at the hospital in Southbridge.

Webster Officers learned that Tsoutsis' license was suspended by the Registry for Narcotic Distribution within a School Zone. After placing him under arrest, they also discovered approximately \$2150 in cash all rolled up in a bundle in small denominations.

Webster Police used Officer Suss' partner K9 Red to do a narcotics sniff on the vehicle. K9 Red indicated to the Officers narcotics were hidden inside under the driver's side seat. Officers located over an ounce of marijuana packaged into several smaller bags hidden where K9 Red indicated. Webster Sergeant Joseph Brooks and Officer Michael Yurkevicius assisted in the search.

At the Webster Station K9 Red did a blind currency sniff on the money Tsoutsis had on him at the scene. K9 Red indicated that there was lingering narcotic odor on the money, which was seized by Webster Police pending a forfeiture hearing.

Tsoutsis' was arrested and charged with Possession of Marijuana over an ounce, Possession of Marijuana with the intent to Distribute Marijuana, Drug Violation within a thousand feet of a School Zone, Operating with a Suspended License, Speeding, and Defective Equipment. He was bailed on \$500.00 and is scheduled to be arraigned in the Dudley District Court on Monday.

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