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WINTER HAVEN – A traffic stop for malfunctioning lights has landed a Winter Haven man behind bars for drug possession and armed drug trafficking charges. On 1-30-14 at approximately 10:06 p.m., a traffic stop was conducted in the area of 2nd St and Ave. G, SW in Winter Haven on van driven by 29 year-old Christopher James Lumberson (354 Niblick Cir., Winter Haven). Officers conducted the stop due to non-functioning rear lights. Lumberson, dressed in military-style fatigues, was informed of the reason why he was being stopped and he immediately produced a military identification. After an additional request by the officer, Lumberson handed over a driver's license, which had been revoked in 2011. Records confirmed that Lumberson was convicted of Driving While License Suspended or Revoked in March 2012, leading to a new arrest for the same charge. (Lumberson was recently released from Fort Leavenworth Kansas for charges of Desertion from the Army.)

Upon conducting an inventory of the vehicle, a loaded .9mm firearm was located next to the driver seat. Directly behind the driver seat was a large, black Army duffle bag with the name "Christopher Lumberson" on the outside. The bag contained numerous drugs packaged separately along with paraphernalia. An additional amount of crack cocaine was located in the front-center console. All total, officers recovered 24 grams Hydrocodone pills; 7.7 grams Oxycodone pills; 35.7 grams Cocaine; 7.8 grams of methamphetamine and 292.4 grams of marijuana. Also in the duffle bag were numerous prescription pills, which Lumberson did not have prescriptions for, including Doxepin, Alprazolam, Carisoprodol and Vytorin. Additionally, \$2916 cash was located.

Lumberson was arrested and taken to the Polk County Jail on one count of each: Armed Trafficking Hydrocodone (FL), Armed Trafficking Cocaine (FL), Possession of Cannabis With Intent To Sell (F3), Possession of Cannabis Over 20 Grams (F3), Possession of Methamphetamine (F3), Possession Drug Paraphernalia (M1), Maintain Vehicle For Drug Use (M1) and four counts of Possession Prescription Pills Without Prescription (M2).