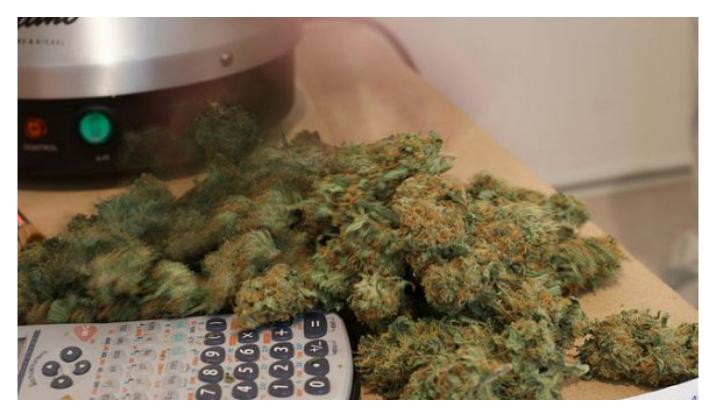


Mushroom Hunter Finds 55kg of Marijuana

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The amount was so large that the man, who has a history of drug-related offences, had to transport it in a trailer. **Morgan200**

A man in southern Russia looking for mushrooms found 55 kilograms of marijuana in the forest but was detained by police as he tried to carry it home, the Interior Ministry said Tuesday.

The man, from the southern Volgograd region said he decided to take the marijuana with him after finding it, but had to go home first to fetch a trailer first since there was not enough room in his car.

When the man was pulled over by police on his way home and was asked what he was carrying, he tried to flee. He was chased, abandoned his vehicle, and ran into the forest, the police statement said.

Police recovered 12 bags of marijuana with a total weight of nearly 55 kilograms.

The suspect, who has a long record of drug related offenses, was detained several days later, police said.

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