

# Cannabis Charges Lead to Wiz Khalifa's Arrest in Romania

## Wiz Khalifa Arrested at Romanian Festival Amid Anti-Drug Campaign

US rapper Wiz Khalifa faced legal trouble in Romania after being escorted off stage by police for allegedly consuming cannabis during his performance at the “Beach, Please!” festival. The incident has sparked significant media attention, highlighting the contrasting legal landscapes surrounding cannabis use globally.

### Wiz Khalifa’s Arrest at “Beach, Please!” Festival

During his headline performance at the “Beach, Please!” festival in Costinesti, Wiz Khalifa was found in possession of more than 18 grams of cannabis and was seen consuming it on stage. Romanian anti-organized crime prosecutors (DIICOT) confirmed these details, stating that ongoing investigations are in place to determine the full extent of the charges against the rapper.

### Details of the Charges Against Wiz Khalifa

The Romanian authorities charged Wiz Khalifa with illegal drug possession. According to the prosecutors, he was caught with a significant amount of cannabis and consumed some in the form of a handmade cigarette during his performance. Videos circulating on social media captured the moment Khalifa was escorted by police, leading to widespread speculation and discussion online.

### Wiz Khalifa’s Response to the Arrest

Following his arrest, Wiz Khalifa took to social media platform X, formerly known as Twitter, to express his views on the incident. He acknowledged the respectfulness of the Romanian officers during his arrest and emphasized that he did not intend to disrespect the country by lighting up on stage. Khalifa assured his fans that he was released from custody and humorously mentioned that he would avoid such actions in the future when performing in Romania.

### The Context of Cannabis Laws in the US and Romania

In the United States, cannabis laws vary significantly across states. Recreational use is legal in 24 states, while 14 states permit its use for medical purposes. Wiz Khalifa, known for his advocacy of cannabis and frequent references to it in his music, often aligns with these more lenient regulations. However, Romania’s stance on cannabis is starkly different. Classified as a “risk drug,” cannabis possession in Romania can result in severe penalties, including up to 10 years in prison.

### Anti-Drug Campaign at “Beach, Please!” Festival

Ironically, the “Beach, Please!” festival was also the venue for an anti-drug campaign. This initiative, launched by popular YouTuber and festival co-founder Andrei Selaru in coordination with the Romanian Interior Ministry, aimed to raise awareness about the dangers of drug use. With an estimated 200,000 participants, the festival was a significant event in Romania, making Khalifa’s arrest even more impactful.

### **Comparisons to Other US Rappers Detained in Europe**

Wiz Khalifa’s arrest is not an isolated incident. Earlier this year, Nicki Minaj faced similar legal issues at Amsterdam Schiphol airport for allegedly attempting to export soft drugs. These occurrences highlight the cultural and legal clashes that can arise when American artists tour internationally, especially in countries with stricter drug laws.

Wiz Khalifa’s arrest in Romania underscores the varying legal approaches to cannabis use worldwide. While his actions may align with the more permissive cannabis culture in parts of the US, they clashed with Romania’s stringent drug laws. This incident serves as a reminder for international artists to be mindful of local regulations and cultural sensitivities when performing abroad.

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