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Patrol seizes half a kilo of crystal meth, valued at nearly \$200,000, in Preble County traffic stop

DAYTON – Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seized half a kilo of crystal meth, valued at nearly \$200,000, during a traffic stop last Thursday on Interstate 70 in Preble County. The suspects will be arraigned today in Eaton Municipal Court on felony charges associated with the case.

The driver, Jamieson A. Dilanzo, 33, and passenger, James Fynes, 36, both of Philadelphia, Penn., were charged with possession of methamphetamines, a second-degree felony and possession of criminal tools, a fifth-degree felony.

August 21, 2008, at approximately 9:31 a.m., a trooper stopped a 2008 Ford F-150, with California registration, for a speed violation eastbound near milepost 17 on Interstate 70 in Preble County. A Patrol drug-detecting canine alerted to the vehicle and a probable cause search revealed half a kilo of crystal meth.

The suspects were incarcerated in the Preble County Jail. If convicted, the suspects could face up to nine years in prison and up to a \$17,500 fine.

Through July, the Patrol has seized more than one million grams of illegal narcotics valued at approximately \$25 million. In 2007, the Patrol seized more than 3.3 million grams of illegal narcotics valued at approximately \$53.8 million.

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