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### **Patrol Investigators nab West Virginia family in vending machine thefts along Interstates**

CAMBRIDGE – A Charleston, W. Va. family of three are facing felony charges today after Patrol investigators with the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Cambridge District Investigation Section arrested the husband, wife and their 21-year-old son yesterday at approximately 3:40 a.m. in Guernsey County in connection with a string of vending machine thefts at interstate rest areas.

Patrol Investigators began investigating these thefts at rest areas along Interstates 70 and 77 in southeastern Ohio in August 2008. Investigators set up surveillance operations involving cameras and arrest teams in the involved rest areas. The suspects were identified as the individuals responsible for the break-ins when they arrived at the I-77 northbound rest area in Guernsey County.

After leaving the rest area, marked patrol units were called to conduct a traffic stop and the suspects were taken into custody. Several tools that were observed on previously-recorded video as being used in the break-ins were observed in the vehicle along with cash and coins.

The suspects are being held without bond at the Guernsey County Jail. Charges are expected to be filed sometime today.

Any agency investigating similar incidents should contact Sgt. Ryan Chapman of the Cambridge District Investigation Section at (740) 439-1388.

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