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Patrol seizes 5 kilos of cocaine, valued at \$750,000, in Lucas County traffic stop

TOLEDO – Two women from Lorain, Ohio, are facing felony drug charges after Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seized 5 kilos of cocaine, valued at \$750,000, during a traffic stop yesterday on the Ohio Turnpike in Lucas County.

The driver, Jessica M. Rojas, 34, and passenger, Amberly L. Findley, 25, were charged with aggravated trafficking and aggravated possession, both first-degree felonies, and possession of criminal tools, a fifth-degree felony.

Troopers stopped a 2007 Chrysler Pacifica, with Ohio registration, for a marked lanes violation, eastbound on the Ohio Turnpike near milepost 57 at approximately 10:46 p.m. Monday. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 5 kilos of cocaine and a large amount of U.S. currency.

The suspects were incarcerated in the Lucas County Jail. If convicted, each could face up to 21 years in prison and a \$22,500 fine.

Through May 2009, the Patrol seized more than 250,000 grams illegal narcotics valued at nearly \$7.5 million. In 2008, the Patrol seized more than 5.2 million grams of illegal narcotics valued at approximately \$47.6 million.

A photo of the seized cocaine is available for download at www.statepatrol.ohio.gov.

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