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Patrol seizes 3 kilos of cocaine, valued at \$300,000 in Lake County traffic stop

ASHTABULA – A man from Arizona is facing felony drug charges after Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seized three kilos of cocaine, valued at an estimated \$300,000, during a traffic stop this past Saturday in Lake County.

The driver of the vehicle, Felix B. Exiquio, 48, of Pheonix, Ariz., was charged with trafficking in cocaine and possession of cocaine, both first-degree felonies; and possession of criminal tools, a fifth degree felony.

Troopers stopped a 2002 GMC Truck, with Ohio registration, for a speed violation on the Interstate 90, near milepost 210, this past Saturday. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Geneva on the Lake Police Department drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed three kilos of cocaine.

The suspect was incarcerated in the Lake County Jail. If convicted, he could face up to 21 years in prison and a \$42,500 fine.

A photo of the seized cocaine is available for download on the Patrol's web site at www.statepatrol.ohio.gov.

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