

Ohio State Highway Patrol

Media Release

General Headquarters • Columbus, Ohio



For Immediate Release: March 24, 2008
Contact: Lt. Tony Bradshaw or Sgt. Jeremy Landis (614) 752-2792

Patrol seizes 61 pounds of marijuana, valued at more than \$138,000 in Muskingum County traffic stop

CAMBRIDGE – Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seized 61 pounds of marijuana, valued at more than \$138,000 during a traffic stop Friday on Interstate 70 in Muskingum County. The suspects were arraigned yesterday in Muskingum County Common Pleas Court on felony charges associated with the case.

The driver, Kelli Nicole Cassler, 19, and passenger, Crystal Memmo, 25, both of Sinking Springs, PA, were charged with possession of marijuana, a second-degree felony.

Troopers stopped a 2007 Hyundai Entourage with Pennsylvania registration, for a speed violation eastbound near milepost 157 on Interstate 70 in Muskingum County at 12:47 p.m. Friday. A Muskingum County Sheriff's Office drug-detecting canine alerted to the vehicle and a probable cause search revealed 61 pounds of marijuana.

Cassler and Memmo were incarcerated in the Muskingum County Jail. If convicted, they could each face up to eight years in prison and up to a \$15,000 fine.

Through February, the Patrol has seized more than 17,000 grams of illegal narcotics valued at approximately \$1,195, 000. In 2007, the Patrol seized more than 3.3 million grams of illegal narcotics valued at approximately \$53.8 million.

#

Note to editors: Want to receive our media releases via email? Send your name, phone number, email, media affiliation and work address to wwwohp@dps.state.oh.us

08-024