

# Ohio State Highway Patrol

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### **Patrol seizes nearly 6 kilos of cocaine, valued at more than \$850,000 in Lucas County traffic stop**

TOLEDO – A Riverside, Calif., man will be arraigned this morning in Lucas County Court on felony drug charges after Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seized nearly 6 kilos of cocaine, valued at more than \$850,000, during a traffic stop Tuesday on the Ohio Turnpike in Lucas County.

Eriberto Zamora, 19, was charged with possession of drugs and trafficking in drugs, both first-degree felonies, and possession of criminal tools, a fifth-degree felony.

Troopers stopped a 1996 Ford F-150, with Illinois registration, for a marked lanes violation, on the Ohio turnpike near milepost 55 at approximately 9:30 a.m. Tuesday. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 5.7 kilos of cocaine.

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

Through July 2009, the Patrol seized more than 280,000 grams illegal narcotics valued at nearly \$11 million. In 2008, the Patrol seized more than 5.2 million grams of illegal narcotics valued at approximately \$47.6 million.

Photos of the seized drugs can be downloaded from [www.statepatrol.ohio.gov](http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov).

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