

# Ohio State Highway Patrol

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### **Patrol seizes 20 kilos of cocaine, valued at approximately \$2 million in Lucas County traffic stop**

TOLEDO – Two men will be arraigned in Maumee Municipal Court on felony drug charges after Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seized 20 kilos (44 pounds) of cocaine, valued at approximately \$2 million during a traffic stop this past Friday in Lucas County.

The driver, Audel Rios, 31, of Meriden, Conn., and passenger, Christian Paul Carrillo-Meza, 27, of Mexico, were charged with aggravated possession of cocaine, and aggravated trafficking, both first-degree felonies.

Troopers stopped a 2005 Ford F-150, with California registration, towing a flatbed trailer without registration, for marked lanes and registration violations, on the Ohio Turnpike, eastbound near milepost 57 at approximately 1:14 p.m. Friday. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed 20 kilos of cocaine.

The suspects were incarcerated in the Lucas County Jail. If convicted, both suspects could face up to 20 years in prison and a \$40,000 fine.

Photos of the seized cocaine are available on the Patrol's Web site at [www.statepatrol.ohio.gov](http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov).

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