

Ohio State Highway Patrol

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Patrol seizes a kilo of cocaine and a gun on the Ohio Turnpike

BLOOMINGVILLE – Three men from Colorado are facing felony drug charges after Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seized a kilo of cocaine - valued at \$100,000 – and a semi-automatic pistol, during a traffic stop yesterday in Erie County.

Troopers stopped a 2004 Dodge Ram1500, with Colorado registration, for a marked lanes violation on the Ohio Turnpike, near milepost 115, at approximately 11:18 a.m. yesterday. Troopers observed criminal indicators and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed the cocaine and the weapon.

The driver, Omar Aguirre, 21, of Alamosa, Colo., and passengers, Victor Arvizo Rodriguez, 40, and Manuel Arvizo Rodriguez, 42, both of Del Norte, Colo., were charged with possession of cocaine, and aggravated trafficking in cocaine, both first-degree felonies. Aguirre was also charged with carrying a concealed weapon, a fifth-degree felony,

The suspects were incarcerated in the Erie County Jail. If convicted, Both Victor and Manuel Arvizo Rodriguez could face up to 20 years in prison and a \$40,000 fine. Aguirre could face up to 21 years in prison and a \$42,500 fine.

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

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