

Ohio State Highway Patrol

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Patrol seizes a kilo of cocaine, valued at \$100,000 following a Richland County traffic stop

MANSFIELD – An Ohio man is facing felony drug charges after Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seized a kilo of cocaine valued at \$100,000 following a traffic stop yesterday in Richland County.

Troopers stopped a 2003 Dodge Durango for a window tint violation, on northbound Interstate 71, at approximately 1:30 p.m. Wednesday. Criminal indicators were observed and a Patrol drug-sniffing canine alerted to the vehicle. A probable cause search revealed a kilo of cocaine in the back seat.

The driver, Pearmon M. Jones II, 47, of Sheffield Lake, was charged with possession of cocaine and trafficking of cocaine, both first-degree felonies.

Jones was incarcerated in the Richland County Jail. If convicted, he could face up to 20 years in prison and up to a \$40,000 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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