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Patrol releases their first-half roadway assault statistics for 2008

COLUMBUS - The Ohio State Highway Patrol released assault statistics for the first-half of 2008. The Patrol looked specifically at roadway assault cases that occurred on or near the highways, including rest areas. Through June of this year troopers have initiated 156 cases involving roadway assaults.

Medina and Stark counties accounted for the most assault cases, with nine each, followed by Lorain and Mahoning with eight, and Portage with seven. These five counties accounted for more than 41 percent of all the assault cases.

Simple assault/traffic-related violence accounted for 84 of the cases and domestic violence accounted for 22 cases. Additionally, objects being thrown from overpasses accounted for 17 cases. For a detailed map and listing of these and other assault categories, please visit http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/strategicgoal/Bulletin/2008/CrimeBulletin_Issue7.pdf.

The Patrol initiated roadway assault cases in 66 percent of Ohio's counties. Forty percent of the assault cases occurred between the hours of 4:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

These assault statistics do not include institution/prison cases.

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