

Ohio State Highway Patrol

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

DAYTON – A man from Illinois is facing felony drug charges after Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers seized a kilo of cocaine valued at \$100,000 during a traffic stop yesterday in Preble County.

Troopers stopped a 1998 Volvo S70, with Illinois registration, for a marked lanes violation on Interstate 70, near milepost 6, at approximately 10:12 a.m. Monday. The driver did not have a valid driver license and other criminal indicators were observed. A consent search revealed a kilo of cocaine under the front passenger's seat.

The driver, Carlos Chavez-Garcia, 28, of Hanover Park, Ill., was charged with possession of cocaine, a first-degree felony and possession of criminal tools, a fifth-degree felony.

The suspect was incarcerated in the Preble County Jail. If convicted, he could face up to 11 years in prison and a \$22,500 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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