

PRESS RELEASE

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

“COCAINE TRAFFICKER ARRESTED”

Members of Richland County METRICH, the Sandusky, Ohio Sheriff’s Department and the Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation concluded a months-long cocaine trafficking investigation by arresting an individual who sold a half a kilogram of cocaine to an undercover METRICH officer. The individual wanted \$12,500 for the cocaine and was arrested after handing the cocaine directly to the officer. Further charges are pending contact with prosecutor’s including potential charges on two individuals the suspect was with at the time of his arrest.

The following individual was arrested for Trafficking in Cocaine, a Felony of the Second Degree:

ARRESTED: Lino P. Garcia- male age 41 of Bowling Green Ohio

Though information obtained during the investigation indicates these drugs were destined for Richland County, this case highlights the multi-jurisdictional approach that is required to effectively combat the flow of illegal drugs throughout the METRICH region and throughout the State of Ohio.

METRICH is a ten county decentralized task force in North Central Ohio whose mission is to improve the quality of life for the citizens we serve by reducing the availability of illegal drugs and weapons through proactive enforcement efforts. The success of METRICH is a tribute to the cooperation and support within the Law Enforcement Community in the METRICH region and to those citizens who have chosen to improve the quality of life in their communities by assisting METRICH in reporting suspicious activity and valuable information.

Citizens may report suspicious activity to the crime hot lines at:
1-800-589-DARE and www.METRICH.com

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