

Man arrested for selling cocaine allegedly meant for Richland County

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FREMONT — A 41-year-old man who allegedly sold half a kilogram of cocaine to an undercover METRICH officer was arrested Tuesday.

Lino P. Garcia of Bowling Green was arrested for trafficking in cocaine, a second-degree felony.

Garcia reportedly wanted \$12,500 for the cocaine and was arrested after handing the drug to the officer. Further charges are pending, including potential charges against two people who were with Garcia at the time of his arrest.

The METRICH Enforcement Unit, which encompasses 10 counties, collaborated on a months-long cocaine trafficking investigation with the Sandusky Sheriff's Department and the Ohio Bureau of Criminal Identification and Investigation.

"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 drugs throughout the METRICH region and the state," METRICH Commander Lt. Dino Sgambellone said.

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