



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



REGIONAL NARCOTICS UNIT

Carthage, Ohio Sheriff Jim Neil and Marlon Miller, HSI Special Agent in Charge for Michigan and Ohio, announced an arrest today in a Joint Drug Investigation in Hamilton County, where a large amount of Crystal Methamphetamine was shipped directly from Mexico and seized in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Agents with The Hamilton County Sheriff's Regional Narcotics Unit and Homeland Security Investigators arrested Jorge Yobanis Garcia, age 23 residing at 301 West North Bend Road after he took possession of parcel sent from Mexico to Cincinnati containing approximately 4.7 pounds of crystal methamphetamine.

The Crystal Methamphetamine, also known as ICE for its resemblance to ice crystals, was concealed in ceramic watermelons made from shards of glass and cement. The box was sent from Mexico City, Mexico to 301 West North Bend in Carthage, Ohio.

RENU Agents recovered a fictitious Ohio State Identification card from Garcia along with his Mexican Consular card when he was arrested. He is believed to be an illegal immigrant from Mexico and has listed an address in Atlanta, Georgia on his Consular Identification Card.

The street value of the Crystal Methamphetamine is approximately \$323,850.00.

Garcia was transported to the Hamilton County Justice Center where he will be arraigned on 11/21/15 at 9am in Room A.

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Jorge Garcia