



Hamilton County Sheriff's Office

Jim Neil, Sheriff

MEDIA RELEASE



MAJOR HEROIN / FENTANYL ARREST & SEIZURE BY RENU

Hamilton County, Ohio, May 13, 2017 – Hamilton County Sheriff Jim Neil reports a significant arrest and seizure of Heroin and Fentanyl recently.

Members of our Regional Enforcement Narcotics Unit (RENU) Highway Interdiction Team arrested Jose Rodriquez, a resident of Bronx, New York, for Trafficking Heroin / Fentanyl. On Thursday, May 11, RENU Agents intercepted two (2) kilograms of Heroin & Fentanyl. The drugs were concealed in an electronic fabricated compartment in the vehicle being operated by Rodriquez. The estimated street value of the Heroin & Fentanyl was over \$300,000. This significant seizure and arrest of Rodriquez disrupted a large drug organization distributing Heroin from New York to Columbus and Cincinnati, Ohio. Rodriquez is being held at the Hamilton County Justice Center where his bond was set at \$2 million. It's also anticipated Rodriquez will be charged with additional Federal Drug Trafficking charges in the coming days.



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