

TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT
SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT BUREAU

LOCATION: 7400 block of Airport Hwy.

DATE: May 19, 2005

TIME: 2:30 am

ARRESTED:

Palma-Loya, Armondo

DOB: 08/03/1962

Charges: Possession with intent to distribute Heroin

Garcia-Torrez, Rene

DOB: 06/26/1960

Charges: Possession with intent to distribute Heroin

DRUGS SEIZED:

Approx. 20 kilograms of heroin with a street value of 4 to 6 million dollars.

NARRATIVE:

The Toledo Metro Drug Task Force concluded a federal investigation into drug trafficking that resulted in the arrest of Armondo Palma-Loya and Rene Garcia-Torrez in the 7400 block of Airport Hwy. The investigation was a joint effort with support from the Department of Defense, Defense Criminal Investigative Services, Drug Enforcement Agency, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Lucas County Sheriffs Department, State of Ohio Bureau of Criminal Investigations and the Toledo Police Department. The Toledo Metro Drug Task Force is funded in part through the Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas.

On April 24, 2005, Armondo Palma-Loya delivered approx. 1.5 kilograms of Heroin to an undercover officer. On May 18, 2005, Armondo Palma-Loya returned to the Toledo area and delivered approx. 7 kilograms of Heroin. On May 19, 2005, Armondo Palma-Loya and Rene Garcia-Torrez delivered an additional 11.5 kilograms of Heroin. All heroin was delivered to an undercover officer. The heroin originated from Mexico.

At approx. 2:30 am, on May 19, 2005, Armondo Palma-Loya and Rene Garcia-Torrez were arrested in the 7400 block of Airport Hwy. Both suspects were charged with possession with intent to distribute over one kilogram heroin.

The investigation is on-going with ties to Drug Trafficking Organizations in Mexico. Both suspects are from Texas.