

Traffic stop nets arrest, seizure of \$100k in drugs

by Cheryl McDermott

A traffic stop for a speeding violation Saturday morning led to the arrest of a Happy Valley, Oregon man, and the discovery of over \$100,000 worth of drugs in the suspect's car, police announced Monday.

Manuel Martinez-Pardo (inset) - JCSO photo, and packages of suspected drugs found in the suspect's vehicle - OSP photo Oregon State Police (OSP) troopers stopped Manuel Martinez-Pardo, 24, about 10:45 a.m. on Interstate 5 north of Medford near milepost 37 for traveling over the speed limit.

During the stop, the suspect consented to a search of his 2001 Honda Civic, troopers said, and an OSP drug-detecting dog found several packages of methamphetamine and cocaine.

OSP estimated that the approximate six pounds of meth found has a street value of \$96,000, and the 1.6 pounds of cocaine discovered is worth about \$15,000.

Martinez-Pardo was taken into custody and lodged in the Jackson County Jail. He was charged with possession, delivery and manufacturing of both cocaine and methamphetamine, a news release stated.

OSP Drug Enforcement Section detectives will continue the investigation.

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