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## **PRESS RELEASE**

**CELINA, OH**-Mercer County Sheriff Jeff Grey today announced the arrest of a South Carolina man for traffic violations and illegal prescription drug possession. At 12:47 P.M. on Friday, Central Dispatch received an anonymous call of a red Chevrolet pick-up truck that was driving very erratically on county roads west of Coldwater.

Deputy Timmerman responded to the area and found a 2008 red Chevrolet pick-up truck southbound on Erastus Durbin Road, just north of SR 219. The truck was driving left of center and a traffic stop was made. The driver and sole occupant of the vehicle was identified by his South Carolina driver's license as Tommy Aloysius Sherlock, age 25, from North Augusta, South Carolina.

As Deputy Timmerman talked to Mr. Sherlock about the reason for the stop, he noticed that Mr. Sherlock appeared to be impaired, but there was no odor of an alcoholic beverage or indications of alcohol use. Deputy Timmerman then requested Mr. Sherlock exit the vehicle and perform some field sobriety tests. Timmerman also requested permission to search Mr. Sherlock's vehicle.

During the search of the vehicle, Deputy Timmerman located a hidden storage compartment under the console of the truck. In that compartment, Timmerman found 50 prescription pills, later identified as methadone and the Sherlock confirmed he believed it to be methadone. Also 5 Alprazolam pills (generic Xanax) were located.

Mr. Sherlock was placed under arrest for operating a vehicle under the influence of drugs, failure to drive in the marked lanes of travel, and illegal possession of a controlled substance. His vehicle was towed from the scene and impounded. During the book in process at the jail, 3 additional methadone pills were found in Mr. Sherlock's possession.

Sherlock stated he was in the area with a crew to paint barns in the area. He was staying in Fort Wayne, IN and purchased the pills from a man on a street corner. Sherlock was cooperative throughout the process. The case is being forwarded to the Mercer County Prosecuting Attorney Andy Hinder's Office for felony charges for the illegal drug possession. Celina Municipal Court Judge James Scheer was contacted and bond set at \$175,000 cash.

Deputy Timmerman was assisted at the traffic stop by Coldwater Police Chief Randy Waltmire.