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## PRESS RELEASE

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At approximately 12:30am Saturday morning Delaware County Sheriff's Deputies arrested and charged a woman on felony drug charges following a traffic stop in the Town of Hancock.

While participating in an Aggressive Driving Campaign funded through the Governor's Traffic Safety Police Traffic Services from Friday evening into Saturday morning, Deputy Kyle Karcher stopped a vehicle for speeding on State Highway 17 in the Town of Hancock. While speaking with the driver of the vehicle, Deputy Karcher detected an odor of marihuana emanating from the vehicle. Subsequent investigation revealed that the driver, 53 year old Sonia Ramirez of Ottawa, Illinois and Bronx, NY, who was traveling from Bronx, NY to the Village of Sidney, had a suspended driver's license.

Ramirez was arrested for Speeding and Aggravated Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle in the Second Degree, an unclassified misdemeanor. A search of her purse, conducted subsequent to her arrest, led to the discovery of approximately one half ounce of cocaine and a quantity of marihuana. A search of her vehicle was then conducted and led to the discovery and seizure of 499 glassine envelopes containing heroin. Deputy Karcher was assisted at the scene by K-9 "Ozzie" and fellow Deputies.

Following the search, Ramirez was additionally charged with two counts of Criminal Possession of a Controlled Substance in the Third Degree (class B felonies), Unlawful Possession of Marihuana (a violation) and Throwing Refuse on the Highway.

Ramirez was transported to the Delaware County Sheriff's Office for arrest processing and then arraigned in the Town of Delhi Court where she was ordered held in lieu of \$75,000 cash bail or \$150,000 bail bond pending a felony hearing scheduled for Wednesday.

Deputies estimate the seized cocaine, heroin and marihuana destined for the streets of the Village of Sidney had a street value in excess of \$10,000.

Undersheriff Craig DuMond remarked "Sheriff Mills and I are extremely proud of the work of Deputy Karcher and his fellow members as part of this traffic stop. Deputy Karcher's keen sense drug interdiction as part of a speeding violation prevented these drugs from being distributed in Delaware County".

