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Patrol's statistical recap shows areas where most identity crime arrests take place

COLUMBUS – Franklin, Butler and Lorain counties had the most identity crime arrests over the last 18 months according to new statistics released by the Patrol today. Troopers made 267 identity crime arrests statewide from January 2008 through June 2009.

According to the *Ohio State Highway Patrol Identity Crimes* statistical recap from the Patrol's Statistical Analysis Unit, during this 18-month period troopers made 29 identity crime arrests in Franklin County and 18 each in Butler County and Lorain County. Counties in the Patrol's Columbus District (central Ohio) accounted for 43 arrests, followed closely by the Patrol's Massillon District (northeast Ohio) with 39 of the identity crime arrests.

Of the total 267 identity crime arrests throughout the state of Ohio, 134 were for identity fraud, 102 were for falsification and 46 arrests were for forgery. Nearly half of all the arrests involved suspects with suspended licenses, 54 involved impaired motorists, 24 included drug arrests and 19 involved motor vehicle crashes.

“Through effective traffic enforcement, we are able to help stop the bad guy from posing as a law-abiding citizen,” Colonel Richard H. Collins, Patrol superintendent said. “Anyone who has had someone else use their name, social security number or their likeness to commit a crime can understand how important it is that our troopers are trained to detect this type of criminal behavior.”

Through June of this year, identity crime arrests have increased eight percent from the same period in 2008.

To view a copy of the entire statistical recap, visit
http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/doc/CrimeBulletin_Issue13.pdf

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