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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – THREE SUSPECTS ARRESTED OUT OF
ROUTINE TRAFFIC STOP**

[Lancaster, Ohio, May 22, 2012] Fairfield County Sheriff Dave Phalen stated that today at 1:21 p.m., while on routine patrol, Deputy Lyle Campbell observed a traffic violation on a 1996 Kia in the area of US 33 just west of Thorn Lane. Once the vehicle was stopped by Deputy Campbell, the vehicle passenger, JOSHUA D. JONES, 36, Lancaster, jumped out of the vehicle and fled toward the area of US 33 & Allen Road. He was later apprehended in a field on Allen Road by the Sheriff's K-9 Unit. Joshua Jones was arrested on a warrant for Possession of Drugs and a warrant for Failure to Appear on a Drug Abuse charge; both warrants were out of the Lancaster Police Department. He was also charged with a Misdemeanor: Obstructing Official Business by the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office.

Sheriff Phalen stated that the driver of the vehicle, ROBERT RUFF, 28, Lancaster, was also arrested by the Sheriff's Office for operating a motor vehicle while driving under four open license suspensions.

Also arrested during this traffic stop was the backseat passenger, SHANNON WEITZEL, a 29 year-old female from Columbus, on a Felony warrant from the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office for Fraud on a probation violation.

All three arrestees were transported to the Fairfield County Jail for processing.

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