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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE -INDIVIDUALS ARRESTED AFTER FIRING SHOTS  
DURING ROAD RAGE INCIDENT**

[Lancaster, Ohio, August 28, 2013] On August 27, 2013 at approximately 4:29p.m., a 911 call was received in the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office Communications Center. The caller stated that they were westbound on the US 33 bypass near the area of Hamburg Road when a vehicle cut them off. The caller advised that they blew their horn at the other driver. The occupants of the other vehicle then exchanged obscene hand gestures and one of the passengers fired shots at them with a handgun. Deputies were immediately dispatched to respond. The 911 caller provided a description of a white GMC pickup truck pulling a trailer and that the truck had a Texas license plate. The caller last saw the vehicle exiting US 33 travelling eastbound on US 22 towards Lancaster.

Deputies were able to locate the vehicle and conduct a traffic stop on Cincinnati-Zanesville Road east of Trace Drive where four individuals were detained. All four men were of Hispanic descent which caused a mild language barrier. The vehicle was transported to the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office pending the review and issuance of a search warrant to locate the firearm. The four men were also detained and transported so that they could be appropriately questioned with an interpreter present.

A search warrant was reviewed by Fairfield County Prosecuting Attorney Gregg Marx's office and later signed by Municipal Court Judge Pat Harris authorizing a full search of the vehicle. During the search deputies recovered a loaded .45 caliber semi-automatic handgun hidden in an area of the trailer attached to the truck. One of the victims was able to provide an adequate clothing description of the suspected shooter.

During interviews it was determined that three of the four men were in the U.S. illegally and one was a U.S. born citizen, and that they were performing subcontract labor in the area. The suspected shooter later confessed to the incident during interviews with detectives and was arrested on multiple felony charges.

Two of the other men denied any knowledge about the incident even though they were seated right next to the perpetrator when the incident occurred. Those two were subsequently charged with obstructing justice. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was contacted which later placed immigration detainees on three of the men. The fourth man was released without charges. No one was injured during the incident and the vehicle was released to the man who was not charged.

Those arrested are as follows, with a list of respective charges:

1. Bryan A. Torres, 18, Dallas TX  
Charged with:  
    Felonious Assault, F2, punishable from 2-8 years in prison, if convicted  
    Improper Handling of a Firearm in a Motor Vehicle, F-4  
    Tampering with Evidence, F-3
  
2. Leonel Aspetsia, 33, Dallas TX  
Charged with:  
    Obstructing Justice, F-5
  
3. Juan Aguinara, 26, Dallas TX  
Charged with:  
    Obstructing Justice, F-5

Sheriff Phalen stated if anyone witnessed the incident or has further information, to please contact the Fairfield County Sheriff's Office at 740-652-7900.

