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Date: March 19, 2020 Time: 2:30pm. Type of Offense: Drug Seizure Date Occurred: 03/19/2020 Time Occurred: 10:45am Location of Offense: 925 Morse Road, Columbus, OH 43229 Person Arrested: Tiffany Avila Age: 40 Race: H Sex: F Address of Arrested: 8408 Buhman Ave Pico Rivera, CA 90660 Possession of Methamphetamine (F-1) Charges: Person Arrested: Omar Sesma-Degarte Race: H Sex: M Age: 39 Address of Arrested: 4138 Descano Avenue Chino Hills, CA 91709 Charges: Possession of Methamphetamine (F-1) Sheriff Dallas Baldwin states: Narrative of Incident:

In December of 2019, detectives with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Unit began a narcotics investigation into the distribution of methamphetamine in Columbus, Ohio, from Mexico.

On March 18, 2020, detectives identified the suspected couriers who intended to sell 14 pounds of methamphetamine in the central Ohio area. On March 19, 2020, detectives intercepted the suspected methamphetamine prior to its distribution. The suspects, Tiffany Avila (40) of Pico Rivera, California, and Omar Sesma-Degarte (39) of Chino Hills, California, were found in possession of the methamphetamine, which holds a street value of \$725,700.

Detectives arrested and charged Avila and Sesma-Degarte, with Possession of

Methamphetamine. Trafficking charges are also expected to be filed.