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Traffic Stop Nets Cocaine Seizure

An Alabama state trooper's routine traffic stop of an SUV south of Montgomery Tuesday resulted in the seizure of approximately eight kilos of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$800,000 and the arrest of two Texas residents on drug trafficking charges.

Maj. Roscoe Howell, chief of the Highway Patrol, said a state trooper stopped the Ford Explorer for speeding near the 168 mile marker of Interstate 65 northbound, after clocking the vehicle at 70 mph in a 55 mph zone. The trooper received consent to vehicle, and with assistance of a drug detection dog, located the cocaine concealed within a utility trailer the vehicle was towing.

Juan Antonio Wbaldo, 48, of Friendswood, Texas, and Azucena Garcia, 37, of Rosharon, Texas, were charged with trafficking in cocaine and, along with a 17-year-old, placed in custody of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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