

# Traffic Stop Leads to Arrest and Kilo of Cocaine, \$27,000 in Lancaster

Last night, at approximately 9:10 p.m., Trooper Juan Sandoval was on I-190 southbound in Lancaster, traveling to a paid detail when he observed a 2017 Toyota Camry commit motor vehicle violations. When Trooper Sandoval signaled the vehicle to stop for the violation, just prior to Exit 6, the vehicle came to an abrupt stop in the left travel lane. After being instructed to pull to the right, into the breakdown lane and stopping, the driver, later identified as FELIX A. MARTINEZ-SANDEZ, 20, of Bronx, New York, pulled the vehicle into the right lane and continued driving for approximately one-quarter mile before finally stopping in the breakdown lane.

As a result of conversation, and subsequent investigation, MARTINEZ-SANDEZ was found to be in possession of a kilo of cocaine (1,000 grams) as well as over \$27,000 in U.S. currency believed to be direct proceeds of illegal narcotic distribution.

MARTINEZ-SANDEZ was placed under arrest and transported to the Leominster Barracks for booking.

FELIX A. MARTINEZ-SANDEZ was charged with the following:

1. Trafficking cocaine
2. Unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle
3. Fail to drive in the right lane
4. Obstruct emergency vehicle



MARTINEZ-SANDEZ was held on \$100,000 bail pending arraignment this morning in Clinton District Court.

No further information is available at this time. Please do not call the barracks directly.