

Narcotics Catch of the Quarter
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K-9 Chase
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On May 31, 2009 Officer Heins was on patrol when he observed a 2009 Chevrolet Cobalt fail to stop at a red light during a right turn on Dequindre Road south of 15 Mile Road. Officer Heins effected a traffic stop on the vehicle. Officer Heins noticed the driver and the passenger appeared very nervous. Officer Heins discovered that the driver had a valid warrant for probation violation for cocaine possession. Officer Heins arrested the driver for the warrant. When Officer Heins returned to the vehicle he noticed a loose unknown pill in the center console. Officer Heins asked the arrested driver if he could perform a K-9 scent search of the exterior of the vehicle and the driver said “yes, but the vehicle is not mine”.

Officer Heins had K-9 Chase sniff the exterior of the vehicle. K-9 Chase indicated positively for the scent of narcotics on the exterior of the trunk. Officer Heins had the passenger exit the vehicle so he could perform an interior search of the vehicle. K-9 Chase entered the back seat and indicated on the rear seat toward the trunk positively for narcotics.

Officer Heins then opened the trunk and discovered a picnic style cooler. Officer Heins opened the cooler and located a large amount, several thousand, multi-colored suspected MDMA/ ecstasy pills in several plastic shopping bags.. The pills tested positive for the content of MDMA. There were a total of approximately 30,000 pills, which contained

symbols or logos of what appeared to be Barack Obama. Both occupants of the vehicle were arrested and charged with possession with intent to deliver MDMA.