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Mercer County Prosecutor's Office Press Release

On April 1, 2026, Cesar Garcia pled guilty to one count of Aggravated Possession of Drugs, a felony of the third degree. On March 12, 2026, officers from the Celina Police Department conducted a traffic stop on Garcia's vehicle. During the traffic stop, officers learned that Garcia had an active warrant out of Georgia and did not have a valid driver's license.

While patting down Garcia, officers located a jewelry box containing methamphetamine in Garcia's pants pocket. While searching the vehicle, officers located a loaded 9mm handgun between the driver's seat and door. On the middle rear passenger seat officers found a black bag that contained approximately 50-100 rounds of ammunition.

As part of Garcia's plea, he agreed to forfeit the firearm, and all ammunition found in his vehicle. He will be sentenced on April 29, 2026, where he faces a maximum penalty of 36 months in prison. Garcia also faces possible deportation.

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