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FISHERMEN FIND TWENTY-FIVE KILOS OF FLOATING COCAINE



The Okaloosa County Multi-Agency Drug Task Force is investigating the recovery of 25 kilograms of cocaine recovered in area waters south of the Destin East Pass.

Five local fishermen observed a large bale/package floating in the water, retrieved it from the Gulf and pulled it into their vessel. When the fisherman saw that it contained numerous individually wrapped packages, they contacted law enforcement.

State and federal law enforcement officers responded to the scene. The fishermen provided statements and turned the bale over to authorities.

The Drug Task Force collected and processed the bale and determined that it contained 25 kilograms of cocaine.

Federal and state, air, water and land assets have responded to the scene, and this investigation is continuing.

The street value (\$100/gram) is 2.5 million dollars.

The Drug Task Force is comprised of the Okaloosa County Sheriff's Office, Niceville Police Department, and the Florida Department of Law Enforcement.

For a short video clip of one of the opened packages – click here:

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jyPQb5Hfl_Y&feature=youtu.be

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