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Seventy Two Pounds of Marijuana **Seized at Gallup Port of Entry**

Gallup – Motor Transportation Department Police seize marijuana during a Commercial Vehicle Inspection.

MTD Police were conducting Commercial Motor Vehicle Inspections this week at the Gallup Port of Entry off Interstate 40 when an observant inspector noticed discrepancies in the log book of truck driver. These discrepancies lead to a full inspection of his semi and trailer, during the inspection the inspector located sixteen bundles within a hidden compartment of a car on the car hauler. The bundles contained 72 pounds of raw marijuana wrapped in large bundles. The seizure was valued at over \$80,000.00.

Inspectors learned that the truck driver was hired to pick-up cars in different areas of the west coast and transport them to the east coast. The 2006 Chevy Cobalt was registered to a Michigan resident and was picked up in Arizona.

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