



State of New Mexico

Department of Public Safety

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Marijuana Load Seized

Deming – State Police Officers were patrolling State Road 26 just north of Deming yesterday evening when an officer observed a traffic infraction that lead to the seizure of over 132 pounds of weed.

While patrolling State Road 26 near mile post 18 yesterday, officers observed a north bound 1995 Jeep commit a traffic infraction and subsequently stopped it. The driver was identified as 23 y.o. Miguel Jose Chavez Galindo of Carbondale, Colorado. Through the officer's observations, Miguel and his passenger 37 y.o. Elizabeth Quezada of Steamboat Springs, Colorado were acting suspicious.

The vehicle was subsequently searched and the officers located tightly packed bundles of a narcotic wrapped in steel containers. The bundles were determined to contain raw marijuana destined for Colorado, the narcotic weighed in at approximately 132 pounds, which was street valued at approximately \$180,000.00.

The suspects will be prosecuted by the United States Attorneys office, and were turned over to ICE.

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