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100 Pounds of Pot Smuggled in Produce

Gallup—A Nevada man is in custody at the McKinley county detention center after he was caught trying to smuggle more than \$100,000 worth of marijuana to the east coast. Motor Transportation Police officers caught the man Wednesday afternoon at about 1:30.

Truck driver Carlos Santa Cruz (9/21/1974) was hauling a load of produce and ingredients for Chinese food from California to New Jersey when he was stopped at the Gallup port of entry for an inspection. The illicit load of 103 pounds of pot was found nestled amongst boxes of broccoli and bean sprouts. Some other prescription pain medication was also found in the cab of the truck. He did not have prescriptions for this medication.

The 35-year-old Henderson, Nevada man was arrested and booked into jail on charges of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

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