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Fortified Vitamins and Funny Furniture

Gallup—Motor Transportation Division (MTD) police seized more than one and a half tons of marijuana in two separate tractor trailer rigs at the Gallup port of entry. The trucks stopped at the port on Thursday December 20th for routine inspections when the smuggled stash was discovered.

One rig, driven by a 26 year old New Haven, CT man, was carrying a load of vitamins and 1,447 pounds of pot. The man and his female passenger were on their way to New Jersey when the smuggled goods were discovered. The estimated street value of this load is nearly 3.5 million dollars. These two were arrested and booked into the McKinley county detention center.

Another truck stopped at the port earlier in the day, and 2,177 pounds of packaged pot was found in a load of furniture. Two men were arrested, a 24 year old man from Phoenix and a 30 year old man from Goodyear AZ. These two were turned over to federal authorities for further investigation and charges. They were on their way to New York with this load estimated to be worth more than 5.2 million dollars.

The total value of these seizures is 8.7 million dollars for 3,624 pounds of neatly packaged pot bundles.

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The attached photos are courtesy of the Department of Public Safety.

