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Clues Fall From Above

Gallup—Occasionally in law enforcement clues to crimes come from unexpected places. In this case a clue hit a Department of Public Safety Motor Transportation Division (MTD) officer in the head like a ton and a half of bricks...of marijuana.

During a routine inspection Sunday, January 27th, the officer opened the back of a tractor trailer rig to make sure the cargo was properly secured. As he opened the doors, a box containing about 50 pounds of pot bricks fell on his head. The obvious clue led to 49 other boxes containing 2,560 pounds of marijuana. The estimated \$6.4 million worth of pot and the driver were turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration for further investigation and charges. The officer was not injured.

The 49 year old Arizona truck driver pulled into the Gallup port of entry at about 5:45 Sunday evening. He was hauling a load of beauty products to the east coast at the time of the untimely clue drop. No further information is available about the driver at this time.

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

