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Kilos of Cocaine Uncovered at Port of Entry

Gallup—Motor Transportation Division police officers and inspectors have discovered more than 100 kilos (or 220 pounds) of cocaine with an estimated street value of nearly 2 million dollars at the port of entry near Gallup. Three loads in three different trucks were discovered.

At about 6:30 pm on Wednesday February 11th, truck driver Carlos Jovel (10/1/1965), of Bloomington CA, was arrested after a Level II inspection of the truck and cargo uncovered 64kilos of cocaine hidden in the trailer.

Early the next morning, 28 kilos where discovered in a truck driven by Guadalupe Cardenas-Romero (12/12/1971), of San Diego CA. A Level II inspection of his truck at 3:15 am on Thursday February 12th exposed this cache of concealed contraband.

Further cocaine smuggling was stopped on Thursday at 4:30 am when MTD Inspectors discovered 10 kilos of cocaine in the cab of the truck driven by Dion Yves (6/23/1967) of Ontario Canada. Yves was transported to the hospital in Gallup because officers believed he had ingested cocaine.

All three were arrested and turned over to the DEA for further investigation and charges. State Police Investigations Bureau agents also assisted in this investigation.

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