



# State of New Mexico

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### **Truck Driver Hauling Cars and Smuggling Pot Busted**

Gallup--A 32 year old Texas man was arrested Friday when 459 pounds of pot were found in a car he was hauling in a semi-truck. Motor Transportation Police discovered an irregularity on the driver's paperwork and determined that one of the cars on the car-hauler did not belong. The pot was wrapped in 18 bundles and hidden in the out of place car.

The load was discovered by astute inspectors just after 11:30 am at the Gallup port of entry. The load had an estimated street value of nearly \$690,000.

The truck driver picked up his load of cars, and marijuana, in Arizona and was headed for Arkansas. The man, the pot and the case have been turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration for further investigation. He is being held on charges of possession of a controlled substance with the intent to distribute.

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