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Pile of Pot Found in Load of Nuts

Magdalena—State Police has discovered 648 pounds of pot hidden in a truck load of pistachios. The truck was experiencing mechanical trouble and moving very slowly, 22 in a 45 mile per hour zone when State Police stopped the truck to check on the driver. The truck was traveling east on US 60 about 1 mile east of Magdalena.

An inspection of the cargo compartment led to the discovery of the smuggled pot. The estimated street value of the load is nearly 1 million dollars. It was packaged in 15-35 pound bundles and packed into boxes which were shielded by crates of pistachios.

Lincoln Kelly, 40 years old, was arrested and charged with possession of more than 100 pounds of marijuana with intent to distribute. He is in custody at the Socorro County Detention Center. He is from St Albans, New York. He was driving the load from California to Maryland when he was stopped at about 6:00 pm Tuesday.

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