



NEWS RELEASE

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Yuma Agents Seize Marijuana Load in River Area *Six hundred pounds found in vehicle*

YUMA, Arizona -- Yuma Border Patrol Agents seized 600 pounds of marijuana near the Colorado River early this morning. The seizure was the seventh large marijuana load seized by Yuma Agents within one month. It was valued at \$ 481,000.

At 8:30 AM, agents were patrolling the border near County 13th Street and the river when they encountered a suspicious vehicle. The vehicle, a 1981 Ford Bronco, appeared to have been driven across the river from Mexico into the United States. Evidence also suggested the driver and a passenger exited the vehicle and returned to Mexico.

The agents inspected the vehicle and discovered several large bags of marijuana in the rear passenger area.

The marijuana and the vehicle were turned over to the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration for further investigation.

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Digital Photos Available

[Photograph of 1981 Ford Bronco](#)

[Medium long shot of marijuana in back of 1981 Ford Bronco](#)

[Close-up of marijuana bundles in back of 1981 Ford Bronco](#)