



NEWS RELEASE

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Yuma Agents Seize 228 Pounds of Marijuana *Transported Across Colorado River*

YUMA, Ariz. -- Border Patrol Agents from the Yuma Sector seized nearly 228 pounds of marijuana early this morning after it was transported across the Colorado River. The value of the seized marijuana is \$ 180,000.00.

Shortly after midnight, Yuma agents observed a black ford bronco leave the north river area, from a dry area near the river bottom. Agents followed the vehicle towards Yuma and lost sight of it near 16th Street. Yuma Police Department assisted the agents in locating the vehicle and subjects. Two subjects were observed running into a residential area near 44th Avenue. The agents and police officers searched the area without finding a trace of the subjects.

Shortly afterward, the agents and police officers located the suspect vehicle abandoned in a church parking lot on the 4300 block of 18th Street. The agents glanced in the vehicle and spotted three large bundles in the rear compartment. The vehicle was opened and the agents discovered 228 pounds of marijuana.

The two subjects that transported the marijuana have not yet been located, however the cooperative work between the Border Patrol and Yuma Police foiled their original mission to distribute contraband. Custody of the marijuana and vehicle was transferred to the Drug Enforcement Administration for further investigation. For additional information contact Border Patrol Public Information Officer Michael McGlasson at (928) 782-9548.

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