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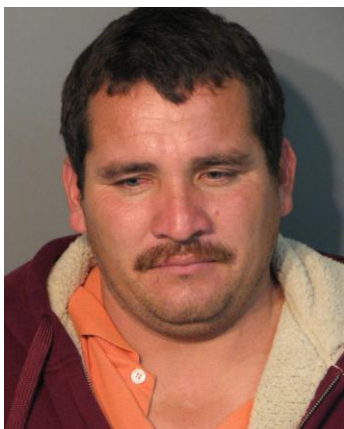
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Traffic Stop Leads Deputies to Marijuana



Alejandro Medina



Deputy Jeff Kemp



Deputies with the Interstate Interdiction Task Force arrested a man last night for having several bundles of marijuana worth \$160,000 in his pickup truck. The task force is staffed by Sheriff's Deputies and Memphis Police Officers.

Deputy Jeff Kemp was on patrol just before midnight in the east-bound lane of Interstate 40 near the Shelby County line when he saw a 2003 Chevrolet 3500 extended cab truck following another vehicle too closely.

After stopping the truck, Deputy Kemp asked Alejandro Medina, 32, of Cleveland, Texas, whether he could look in the back of the pickup truck.

Medina agreed. That's when "Kazan," Deputy Kemp's K-9 partner, indicated drugs were possibly in the truck.

Deputy Chris Sowell, another officer on the Interstate Interdiction Task Force, pulled over to assist Deputy Kemp. The two Deputies then discovered ten (10) wrapped bundles of marijuana in a tool box.

Medina was charged with the Manufacture/Deliver/Sell of a Controlled Substance To Wit Marijuana and Following Too Closely. Medina's truck was also seized by the Sheriff's Office Narcotics Bureau.

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