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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
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COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE INTERDICTION OVERVIEW
SECOND QUARTER 1997

****PLEASE PASS TO ALL HIGHWAY INTERDICTION PERSONNEL****

1. THE FOLLOWING IS AN OVERVIEW OF DRUG AND CURRENCY INTERDICTIONS FROM COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES (CMV'S) REPORTED TO THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1 TO JUNE 30, 1997. HISTORICALLY, DRUG SMUGGLERS AND COURIERS HAVE UTILIZED CMV'S TO TRANSPORT ILLICIT DRUGS AND DRUG-RELATED PROCEEDS INTO AND THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. MOVEMENT OFTEN BEGINS WITHIN MEXICO AND CONTINUES VIA U.S. HIGHWAYS TO METROPOLITAN CITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY. THIS OVERVIEW ADDRESSES CMV SEIZURE ACTIVITY ON THE NATION'S ROADWAYS (OPERATIONS PIPELINE/CONVOY), AT SOUTHWEST BORDER PORTS OF ENTRY, AND IN MEXICO, AND CMV TRAFFICKING INTELLIGENCE.

2. OPERATIONS PIPELINE/CONVOY

OPERATION CONVOY CMV SEIZURE ACTIVITY INCREASED BY ONE INCIDENT TO 38 IN THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1997 COMPARED TO THE FIRST QUARTER'S 37 INCIDENTS. NATIONWIDE, DURING APRIL THROUGH JUNE, TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SEIZED 9,067 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA, 1,039 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, 1.7 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, AND \$2,451,448 IN U.S. CURRENCY. THIS QUARTER MARKED A SIGNIFICANT DECREASE IN THE AMOUNTS OF MARIJUANA (18,702 KILOGRAMS) AND CURRENCY (\$3,487,481) SEIZED FROM 18-WHEELERS IN THE FIRST QUARTER. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE, HOWEVER, THAT IN THE FIRST QUARTER ONE LARGE MARIJUANA SEIZURE IN OKLAHOMA OF 5,386 KILOGRAMS AND ONE LARGE CURRENCY SEIZURE TOTALING \$3,249,895 IN NEW JERSEY ACCOUNTED FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE QUARTER'S MARIJUANA AND CURRENCY. CONVERSELY, THIS QUARTER, COCAINE AND METHAMPHETAMINE SEIZURES INCREASED BY 222 PERCENT AND 118 PERCENT, RESPECTIVELY, COMPARED TO THE FIRST QUARTER.

MOVEMENT OF DRUGS VIA TRACTOR-TRAILER WAS TYPICALLY FROM THE SOUTHWEST BORDER AREA TO DISTRIBUTION POINTS IN THE EAST AND NORTHEAST UNITED STATES. DATA INDICATED 53 PERCENT OF THE DRUG-LADEN CMV'S STOPPED ON THE NATION'S HIGHWAYS HAD ORIGINATED IN TEXAS, NEW MEXICO, AND CALIFORNIA. NO SEIZURE REPORTS ALLUDED TO THE STATE OF ARIZONA. MOST OF THE SEIZURES, 34 INCIDENTS, INVOLVED THE TRANSPORTATION OF MARIJUANA. WHILE CMV DRIVERS OFTEN USED MAJOR U.S. INTERSTATES SUCH AS I-10, I-20, AND I-44 TO TRANSPORT DRUGS, A LARGER PERCENTAGE PREFERRED U.S. HIGHWAYS, ESPECIALLY THOSE IN TEXAS.

COMMERCIAL VEHICLES LOADED WITH MARIJUANA WERE MOST OFTEN STOPPED ON U.S. 77, U.S. 59 AND U.S. 281. SEIZURE REPORTS INDICATED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SEIZED 2,683 KILOGRAMS FROM RIGS MOVING ON U.S. 77, 580 KILOGRAMS ON U.S. 59, AND 992 KILOGRAMS ON U.S. 281. INTERESTINGLY, EACH OF THESE HIGHWAYS HAVE A DIRECT NEXUS TO MATAMOROS, REYNOSA, AND NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, RESPECTIVELY. ONE CAN SPECULATE SOME OF THE MARIJUANA WAS SMUGGLED FROM MEXICO. COCAINE AND METHAMPHETAMINE SEIZURES WERE SPORADIC; 3 COCAINE AND 1 METHAMPHETAMINE SEIZURE TRANSPIRED THIS QUARTER. COCAINE SEIZURES FROM TRACTOR-TRAILERS OCCURRED ON THE NORTHBOUND LANES OF I-65 IN ALABAMA, EASTBOUND LANES OF I-44 IN MISSOURI, AND NORTHBOUND LANES OF U.S. 77 IN TEXAS. THE QUARTER'S ONLY METHAMPHETAMINE SEIZURE FROM AN 18-WHEELER OCCURRED IN TEXAS.

CURRENCY MOVEMENT VIA TRACTOR-TRAILER WAS SIGNIFICANT. SEIZURES TYPICALLY OCCURRED FROM RIGS TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND, TO TEXAS CITIES SUCH AS HOUSTON AND EL PASO. ONE INCIDENT NETTING \$1,214,225 INVOLVED AN 18-WHEELER WHICH WAS ALLEGEDLY BOUND FOR GUATEMALA. CALIFORNIA, FLORIDA, KANSAS, MASSACHUSETTS, AND OKLAHOMA WERE ALSO IDENTIFIED AS DESTINATION POINTS FOR CURRENCY.

DRUG AND CURRENCY LOADS WERE USUALLY CONCEALED WITHIN BOXES OR LUGGAGE LOCATED EITHER IN THE TRUCK'S SLEEPER BERTH OR AMONG LEGITIMATE CARGO IN THE TRAILER. DRIVERS TRANSPORTING DRUGS OR CURRENCY IN TRACTOR-TRAILERS MOST OFTEN WERE HAULING PRODUCE INCLUDING ONIONS, LETTUCE, LIMES, MANGOES, AND PINEAPPLES. EXCEPT FOR LETTUCE, THE PRODUCE GIVES OFF A STRONG AROMA WHICH MAY WORK AS A MASKING AGENT TO CAMOUFLAGE THE DRUGS' ODOR. COURIERS ALSO APPEARED TO BE MORE BRAZEN AND DID NOT ATTEMPT TO CONCEAL THEIR ILLICIT LOADS AS THEY TRANSPORTED DRUGS AND CURRENCY ON 7 OCCASIONS IN EMPTY TRAILERS AND ON 4 OCCASIONS WERE NOT TOWING A TRAILER (BOB-TAIL) AT ALL. FINALLY, THERE WAS AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SEIZURES FROM TRAILERS TOWING HEAVY EQUIPMENT, E.G. A BACKHOE, AND VEHICLES. WHEN THIS WAS THE CASE, THE CURRENCY AND/OR DRUGS WERE CONCEALED IN THE CARGO AND NOT THE CAB OR TRAILER.

3. SOUTHWEST BORDER

THERE WERE 13 SEIZURE INCIDENTS FROM CMV DRIVERS ATTEMPTING TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES FROM MEXICO VIA UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE PORTS OF ENTRY. THE SEIZURES NETTED 3,216 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND 269 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE. ALL OF THE INCIDENTS OCCURRED AT TEXAS AND CALIFORNIA PORTS IN TEXAS. INSPECTORS AT THE LAREDO AND PHARR PORTS OF ENTRY REPORTED SEIZURES AND IN CALIFORNIA, SEIZURES TOOK PLACE IN CALEXICO AND OTAY MESA.

TRACTOR-TRAILER DRIVERS SMUGGLING LOADS OF MARIJUANA AND COCAINE VIA PORTS OF ENTRY WERE MORE PRUDENT IN CONCEALING THEIR ILLICIT CARGO THAN THOSE DRIVING RIGS WITHIN THE UNITED STATES. DATA REVEALS EIGHT INCIDENTS INVOLVED A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE TRAILER. THE COMPARTMENTS WERE USUALLY CONSTRUCTED WITH SHEETS OF PLYWOOD AND LOCATED IN THE WALL AT THE TRAILER'S NOSE. SEVERAL OTHER INCIDENTS INVOLVED A COMPARTMENT IN THE TRACTORS' FIFTH WHEEL AREA. WHEN A COMPARTMENT WAS NOT UTILIZED, COURIERS HID THEIR LOADS IN TRACTOR-TRAILERS' SLEEPER BERTHS, GAS TANKS, OR SEATS.

4. MEXICO

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EPIC RECEIVED REPORTING INDICATING THAT MEXICAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS SEIZED MULTIKILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND COCAINE FROM EIGHT TRACTOR-TRAILERS DURING THE SECOND QUARTER OF 1997. THE SEIZURES, WHICH NETTED OVER 14,000 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND OVER 9,800 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, OCCURRED IN MEXICAN STATES BORDERING THE U.S. - TAMAUlipAS AND SONORA. THE DRUG-LADEN TRACTOR-TRAILERS WERE HEADED NORTHBOUND TO MEXICAN CITIES ALONG THE BORDER FOR EVENTUAL TRANSPORT INTO THE UNITED STATES. IT IS UNKNOWN IF THE DRUGS WOULD BE SMUGGLED INTO THE UNITED STATES VIA TRACTOR-TRAILER OR BY SOME OTHER CONVEYANCE. IN ONE CASE, THE MARIJUANA HAD BEEN TRANSPORTED FROM THE DEEP SOUTHERN MEXICAN STATE OF POEBLA AND WAS CONCEALED IN THE CENTER OF THE TRAILER UNDER A COVER LOAD OF MANGOES.

IN ANOTHER CASE, MEXICAN OFFICIALS SEIZED COCAINE PACKAGES MARKED WITH EITHER THE WORD "JUNIOR" IN BLUE LETTERING ON A JAGGED RED BACKGROUND OR A RED STOP SIGN SYMBOL WITH THE WORD "PARE" IN WHITE LETTERS. INTERESTINGLY, ON JUNE 30, THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED COCAINE BEARING THE WORD "PARE" FROM A TRACTOR-TRAILER.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES REPORTED 52 INCIDENTS INVOLVING SEIZURES FROM CMV'S ON THE NATION'S ROADWAYS. A TOTAL OF 4,556 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA, 1,871 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, AND \$408,702 IN U.S. CURRENCY WERE SEIZED. OVER HALF OF THE SEIZURES OCCURRED IN TEXAS (13 INCIDENTS) AND MISSISSIPPI (6). AGENCIES IN MISSOURI REPORTED 3 INCIDENTS FOLLOWED BY ARKANSAS, ARIZONA, NEBRASKA, AND OKLAHOMA WITH 2 INCIDENTS EACH. ONE INCIDENT EACH OCCURRED IN CALIFORNIA AND OHIO.

REPORTING INDICATED TWENTY-ONE OF THE LOADS ORIGINATED AT THE SOUTHWEST BORDER - TEXAS (16), ARIZONA (2), CALIFORNIA (2), NEW MEXICO (1) - AND WERE DESTINED TO GEORGIA, IOWA, ILLINOIS, INDIANA, MASSACHUSETTS, NEW YORK, AND TENNESSEE. IN TEXAS, EL PASO, HOUSTON, AND THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY AREA - BROWNSVILLE, EDINBURG, CALLEN, AND PHARR - WERE IDENTIFIED AS SOURCE CITIES FOR THE SEIZED DRUGS. EXCEPT FOR ONE TRAFFIC STOP IN WHICH THE OCCUPANTS WERE A COUPLE, TRACTOR TRAILERS LOADED WITH DRUGS OR CURRENCY WERE OCCUPIED BY ONE OR TWO MALES.

THE LOADS TYPICALLY WERE CONCEALED WITHIN BAGS, BOXES, OR LUGGAGE LOCATED EITHER IN THE CAB'S SLEEPER COMPARTMENT OR AMONG SPOILED AND POORLY PACKED. INTERESTINGLY, DURING THIS QUARTER, EIGHT LOADS WERE SEIZED FROM DRIVERS PULLING EMPTY TRAILERS.

B) THIS QUARTER'S CMV SEIZURE ACTIVITY ON U.S. HIGHWAYS MARKS A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE COMPARED TO THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1995 WHEN LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES REPORTED ONLY 17 SEIZURES. SEIZURE INCIDENTS FOR THAT PERIOD NETTED 2,333 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA, 213 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, AND \$20,954 IN U.S. CURRENCY. AT THAT TIME, AGENCIES IN TEXAS (4 INCIDENTS), ILLINOIS (2) MISSOURI (2), AND MISSISSIPPI (2) REPORTED MOST OF THE INTERDICTIONS. MOVEMENT OF THE DRUGS WAS PRIMARILY FROM TEXAS AND CALIFORNIA TO CITIES NORTH AND EAST. ALL OF THE SEIZURES, EXCEPT FOR ONE WHICH INVOLVED A LONE FEMALE OCCUPANT, WERE FROM A SINGLE MALE OCCUPANT. CONCEALMENT LOCATIONS WERE CONSISTENT WITH THOSE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1996.

C. SOUTHWEST BORDER

A) DRUG INTERDICTIONS AT SOUTHWEST BORDER PORTS OF ENTRY (POES) NETTED 1,702 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND 437 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM 7 TRACTOR TRAILERS. AGENTS IN OTAY MESA AND CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, REPORTED 4 INTERDICTIONS. ONE SEIZURE EACH OCCURRED AT POES IN LAREDO AND ROMA, TEXAS, AND NOGALES, ARIZONA. ALL INCIDENTS INVOLVED LONE MALE OCCUPANTS. AGENTS REPORTED THE MARIJUANA WAS CONCEALED WITHIN THE 18-WHEELERS' TIRES, ROOF, CAB, OR TRAILER. IN ONE INCIDENT, AGENTS LOCATED 454 GRAMS OF COCAINE INSIDE OF THE CAB'S SEATS AND IN ANOTHER, 436 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN A TRAILER.

SEIZURES AT U.S. BORDER PATROL CHECKPOINTS (11 INCIDENTS) RESULTED IN 3,783 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND 6

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KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE. MOST OF THE INCIDENTS OCCURRED
IN TEXAS - FALFURRIAS (6), EDINBURG (1), LAREDO (1), AND
KINGSVILLE (1). AGENTS IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA, AND SALTON CITY,
CALIFORNIA, REPORTED ONE SEIZURE EACH. ALL BUT ONE
INTERDICTION, WHERE A FEMALE WAS A CO-DRIVER, INVOLVED LONE
MALE OCCUPANTS ONLY. AGENTS REPORTED LOCATING DRUG CACHES
INSIDE TRAILERS, IN EITHER BOXES, LUGGAGE, OR FALSE
COMPARTMENTS.

B) ONE OF THE INCIDENTS THIS QUARTER INVOLVED THREE MALES
TRANSPORTING 29 NON-DOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS INSIDE A TRAILER.
ON NOVEMBER 10, DEA AND U.S. BORDER PATROL AGENTS WORKING THE
CHECKPOINT ON HIGHWAY 86 IN IMPERIAL COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,
DISCOVERED THE IMMIGRANTS AS WELL AS 6 KILOGRAMS OF
METHAMPHETAMINE, AND APPROXIMATELY 2 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA.
PREVIOUS INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS HAD IDENTIFIED AN ALIEN
BARGO. SURVEILLANCE LED AGENTS TO THE CHECKPOINT WHERE A
SECONDARY INSPECTION WITH A CANINE RESULTED IN THE ARRESTS
AND SEIZURES.

4. MEXICO

EPIC RECEIVED REPORTING INDICATING THAT MEXICAN LAW
ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS SEIZED MULTIKILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM
SIX TRACTOR TRAILERS DURING THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 1996. THE
REPORTING, ALTHOUGH UNCORROBORATED, INDICATES AGENTS IN
MEXICO SEIZED 8,226 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND ALSO 175
KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TRACTOR TRAILERS. THE LOADS
ALLEGEDLY WERE DESTINED TO NORTHERN MEXICO FROM THE INTERIOR,
MOST FREQUENTLY THE STATE OF GUADALAJARA. AGENTS REPORTED
LOCATING THE DRUGS WITHIN TRAILERS AMONG LOADS OF PRODUCE,
COTTELY, AND BOXES OF CLOROX. IT IS UNCLEAR HOW MANY
SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.

A)

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AS MENTIONED IN PARAGRAPH 4B ABOVE, U.S. OFFICIALS SEIZED 6 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE ON NOVEMBER 10, FROM 3 INDIVIDUALS TRAVELING ON A TRACTOR TRAILER. IN ADDITION, ON NOVEMBER 4, OFFICERS OF THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM THE CAB OF AN 18-WHEELER PARKED AT A BUSINESS IN HINTON, OKLAHOMA. THESE INTERDICTIONS ARE A VARIANCE FROM THE PERSONAL USE AMOUNTS NORMALLY SEIZED FROM TRUCK DRIVERS.

C) MOVEMENT OF COCAINE THROUGH THE UNITED STATES INTO CANADA VIA CMVS MAY INCREASE. THIS QUARTER, CANADIAN REGISTERED VEHICLES WERE INVOLVED IN FIVE HIGHWAY INTERDICTIONS. PRIOR TO THIS QUARTER, LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES REPORTED FOUR INTERDICTIONS FOR THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD JANUARY 1994 THROUGH DECEMBER 1995. THE TRAFFIC STOPS, WHICH YIELDED 736 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, OCCURRED IN ARKANSAS, OHIO, OKLAHOMA, AND TEXAS. THEY TRANSPIRED WITHIN A ONE-MONTH TIME PERIOD, BETWEEN OCTOBER 26 AND NOVEMBER 27. THE COURIERS CANADA.

C) THIS QUARTER, OFFICERS OF THE SOUTH BAY, FLORIDA POLICE DEPARTMENT AND OFFICERS OF THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MOTOR CARRIER COMPLIANCE OFFICE ENCOUNTERED A 1980 KENWORTH TOWING A 1984 GREAT DANE REFRIGERATED TRAILER EQUIPPED WITH AN ELABORATE DIESEL FUEL DIVERSION (THEFT) SYSTEM ON THE TRACTOR. IN ADDITION, THE OFFICERS FOUND AN EMPTY FALSE COMPARTMENT MEASURING 20 INCHES IN DEPTH LOCATED IN THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER. ACCESS TO THE COMPARTMENT WAS VIA A METAL SLIDING DOOR, 18 INCHES BY 18 INCHES, NEXT TO THE REFRIGERATION UNIT. THE FUEL DIVERSION SYSTEM CONSISTED OF AN ELECTRIC PUMP, A SIPHON HOSE, AND FUEL DISTRIBUTION HOSES AND VALVES. THE PUMP WAS MOUNTED IN THE DRIVER'S SIDE STORAGE COMPARTMENT LOCATED UNDER THE SLEEPER BAY. THE SIPHON HOSE WAS FOUND IN AN EXTERIOR STORAGE COMPARTMENT LOCATED UNDER THE TRAILER'S LEFT SIDE. THE HOSE CONNECTED TO THE PUMP VIA A FITTING LOCATED UNDER THE CAB BETWEEN THE

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WOULD PULL UP TO A PARKED TRACTOR TRAILER, HOOK UP THE SIPHON HOSE, ENGAGE THE SYSTEM, AND DRIVE ON WHEN REFUELING WAS COMPLETED. SINCE THIS SET-UP FOR FUEL THEFT IS BOTH CLEVER AND RELATIVELY SIMPLE, IT IS POSSIBLE THERE ARE OTHER TRACTOR TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH SIMILAR FUEL DIVERSION SYSTEMS ON THE ROAD.

D) PROBABLE COCAINE TRANSPORTATION FROM GUATEMALA INTO THE UNITED STATES VIA TRACTOR TRAILERS WAS NOTED DURING THE QUARTER. TWO HIGHWAY INTERDICTIONS IN TEXAS, FOR INSTANCE, REPORTED THE COCAINE'S ORIGIN WAS LIKELY GUATEMALA. ADDITIONALLY, OFFICIALS IN GUATEMALA SEIZED 1,362 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TWO TRACTOR TRAILERS. THE LOADS WERE, MOST PROBABLY, HEADED NORTH INTO MEXICO FOR EVENTUAL SHIPMENT INTO THE UNITED STATES. ALSO OF INTEREST IS PRIOR SEIZURE ACTIVITY RELATED TO GUATEMALA. OF PARTICULAR NOTE, IN APRIL 1995 THE REFUGIO COUNTY, TEXAS, SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEIZED 201 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A FLOOR COMPARTMENT IN AN EMPTY GUATEMALAN REGISTERED 1988 DORSEY FLATBED TRAILER BEING TOWED BY A 1983 PETERBILT TRACTOR. THE DRIVER, A GUATEMALAN NATIONAL, HAD DRIVEN THE VEHICLE INTO THE UNITED STATES FROM MEXICO THE DAY BEFORE THE SEIZURE AND WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS. IN JULY 1995, INVESTIGATIVE EFFORTS BY U.S. CUSTOMS OFFICIALS AT THE LOS INDIOS POE LED TO THE SEIZURE OF 116 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE BY THE REFUGIO COUNTY, TEXAS SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THE LOAD WAS CONCEALED WITHIN A FALSE ROOF DRIVER CLAIMED TO BE EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS. IN AUGUST 1995, THE REFUGIO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED \$839,693 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM THE ROOF OF A SOUTHBOUND TRACTOR TRAILER. REPORTING INDICATED THE GUATEMALAN NATIONAL DRIVING THE RIG WAS TRAVELING FROM NEW YORK TO GUATEMALA. FINALLY, IN DECEMBER 1995, U.S. CUSTOMS INSPECTORS AT THE LOS INDIOS POE IN TEXAS ARRESTED A GUATEMALAN NATIONAL AFTER THEY LOCATED 40 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE CONCEALED IN A SUPPORT BEAM DIRECTLY ABOVE THE DRIVER'S DOOR OF A 1984 GMC TRACTOR TOWING AN AUTO CARRIER.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 01/04/97

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DEC 11 - THE OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND 8 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2134 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80 IN LUCAS COUNTY NEAR TOLEDO. THE CHICAGO RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO TOLEDO FROM CHICAGO IN THE DRIVER'S 1987 BMW 325 WITH ILLINOIS PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND DURING A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH IN AN ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED BETWEEN THE TRUNK AND THE BACK SEAT. [REDACTED]

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DEC 19 - THE DELAWARE STATE POLICE SEIZED 25 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 0800 HOURS FROM A JAMAICAN MALE HEADING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95 IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY. THE PATTERSON, NEW JERSEY, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1988 MAZDA 323 WITH PENNSYLVANIA PLATES (REGISTERED OWNER NOT PRESENT). THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE FROM MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, TO NORFOLK, VIRGINIA. A SEARCH REVEALED THE COCAINE WITHIN AN ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED FALSE COMPARTMENT UNDER A FALSE FLOOR IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE FALSE COMPARTMENT CONSISTED OF THE ORIGINAL SPARE TIRE STORAGE.

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- DEC 20 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 365 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM INSIDE A 1987 FORD VAN WITH ARIZONA PLATES. OFFICERS RESPONDED AT 1230 HOURS TO THE SCENE OF A TRAFFIC ACCIDENT WHICH OCCURRED IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE VAN'S DRIVER FLED UPON THEIR ARRIVAL. A SEARCH OF THE VAN REVEALED 365 TAPED PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA THROUGHOUT THE CARGO AREA. OWNERSHIP OF THE VEHICLE IS UNDETERMINED AS THE PLATE AND VIN DO NOT MATCH.
- DEC 31 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1015 HOURS FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN GLENN COUNTY. THE SUSPECTS, BOTH RESIDENTS OF EUREKA, CALIFORNIA, WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1988 FORD TEMPO WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. OFFICERS EVENTUALLY OBTAINED CONSENT TO SEARCH THE VEHICLE AND LOCATED THE METHAMPHETAMINE WITHIN THE TRUNK AND FIREWALL. THE SUSPECTS WERE ALLEGEDLY EN ROUTE TO EUREKA FROM FRESNO, CALIFORNIA.
- DEC 31 - THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 553 GRAMS OF HEROIN AND 6.8 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1300 HOURS FROM THREE ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI RESIDENTS WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN SEVIER COUNTY NEAR SALINA. THE BLACK MALE DRIVER AND HIS PASSENGERS, A BLACK MALE AND FEMALE, WERE EN ROUTE TO ST. LOUIS FROM LOS ANGELES IN A 1984 TOYOTA VAN WITH ILLINOIS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE HEROIN WAS WRAPPED IN BLACK DUCT TAPE AND THE 15 BRICKS OF MARIJUANA WERE WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC AND SEALED WITH BLACK DUCT TAPE. THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND INSIDE THE BACK BENCH SEAT COVERING AND UNDER THE SPARE TIRE.
- JAN 01 - THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS OF BLACK TAR HEROIN AND 79 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1245 HOURS FROM A LATIN COUPLE (IDENTIFIED AS BROTHER AND SISTER) TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44 AT THE WILL ROGERS TURNPIKE. THE SUBJECT'S, RESIDENTS OF ODESSA, TEXAS, WERE IN THE FEMALE PASSENGER'S 1991 DODGE PICKUP TRUCK WITH TEXAS PLATES. A DRUG CANINE ALERTED TO THE SPACE BETWEEN THE DRIVER'S

DOOR AND THE BED OF THE PICKUP. THE INSIDE WALLS OF THE EXTENDED CAB AREA APPEARED TO HAVE BEEN ALTERED AND THE OUTSIDE WALL OF THE CAB APPEARED TO HAVE RECENT BONDO AND PAINT IN TWO PLACES. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE WALL OF THE CAB AND THE HEROIN WAS FOUND ON THE FEMALE PASSENGER.

JAN 03 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 9 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND 456 GRAMS OF HEROIN AT 1735 HOURS FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN FRESNO COUNTY. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECTS WHO WERE TRAVELING IN A 1988 TOYOTA CAMRY WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES FOR AN EQUIPMENT VIOLATION. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE MEN, BOTH RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, GAVE OFFICERS PERMISSION TO SEARCH THE VEHICLE. WITH THE AID OF A CANINE, THE OFFICERS LOCATED THE DRUGS UNDER A FALSE FLOORBOARD. THE SUSPECTS WERE ALLEGEDLY EN ROUTE TO SEATTLE OR YAKIMA, WASHINGTON, FROM LOS ANGELES. A MOTOROLA PAGER WAS ALSO SEIZED.

JAN 04 - THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE SEIZED 1,179 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA ON I-40 EASTBOUND IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY AT APPROXIMATELY 0745 HOURS. TWO BLACK MALES WERE TRAVELING IN A 1996 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH OHIO PLATES (NO TRAILER ATTACHED), WHEN STOPPED AT THE LICENSE AND WEIGHT STATION. THE OFFICERS REQUESTED CONSENT TO SEARCH, BUT WERE REFUSED. PROBABLE CAUSE WAS DEVELOPED THROUGH A CANINE ALERT. A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH REVEALED THE MARIJUANA STACKED BEHIND THE DRIVER AND PASSENGER SEATS INSIDE THE SLEEPER COMPARTMENT. BOTH OF THE SUBJECTS WERE BORN IN JAMAICA, BUT WERE FROM THE NEW YORK CITY AREA. THEY WERE ALLEGEDLY EN ROUTE TO WEST MEMPHIS, ARKANSAS, BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE DESTINATION MAY HAVE BEEN NEW YORK. THE ORIGIN OF THE MARIJUANA WAS UNKNOWN. IN SEPTEMBER 1996, THE SAME TWO SUBJECTS WERE STOPPED BY THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE IN THE CITY OF POTOMAC RIVER, WASHINGTON COUNTY, WHILE TRAVELING IN THE SAME TRACTOR. THEY WERE SOUTHBOUND ON I-81, EN ROUTE TO FLORIDA FROM NEW YORK. A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH REVEALED \$559,107 U.S. CURRENCY, WHICH WAS ULTIMATELY SEIZED.

JAN 06 - THE JOPLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MISSOURI SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 122 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1100 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44 IN JASPER

COUNTY NEAR JOPLIN. THE SAN FRANCISCO RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1994 BUICK PARK AVENUE WITH ILLINOIS PLATES EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO FROM SAN FRANCISCO. THE BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA, WHICH WERE WRAPPED IN CONTACT PAPER, WERE FOUND INSIDE BAGS LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE OFFICER DID NOT SMELL THE ODOR OF MARIJUANA WHEN HE OPENED THE TRUNK AND WHEN HE TRIED TO SMELL THE BUNDLES THERE WAS STILL NO ODOR. HOWEVER, A DRUG DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE. THE SUBJECT STATED THAT HE HAD MADE NUMEROUS TRIPS DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS IN WHICH HE AVERAGED APPROXIMATELY ONE TON OF MARIJUANA PER MONTH BETWEEN LAS VEGAS AND CHICAGO. THE SUBJECT HAD A NEWSPAPER CLIPPING IN HIS WALLET REGARDING THE \$250,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY THAT HAD BEEN SEIZED BY THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL ON 12/03/96.

JAN 07 - THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED 14.3 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1420 HOURS FROM A LATIN COUPLE AND A MINOR FEMALE WHILE THEY WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-57 IN EFFINGHAM COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT FROM SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, AND HIS FEMALE PASSENGER FROM HOUSTON WERE TRAVELING IN A 1993 CHEVROLET PICKUP WITH AN EXTENDED CAB WITH TEXAS PLATES AND WERE EN ROUTE TO INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, FROM HOUSTON. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE COCAINE WAS FOUND INSIDE EXISTING CAVITIES IN THE EXTENDED CAB AREA. A DRUG DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE. A CONTROLLED DELIVERY IN INDIANAPOLIS RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF THREE CUBAN NATIONALS.

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DEC 13- THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND 2.6 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1220 HOURS FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN SHASTA COUNTY. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECTS WHO WERE IN THE DRIVER'S 1990 PLYMOUTH LASER WITH WASHINGTON PLATES EN ROUTE TO MOUNT VERNON, WASHINGTON, FOR EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS. OFFICERS REQUESTED AND WERE GRANTED PERMISSION TO SEARCH THE VEHICLE. THE ENSUING SEARCH REVEALED THE DRUGS WITHIN THE RIGHT AND LEFT QUARTER PANELS.

DEC 17 - THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 400 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1950 HOURS FROM A HISPANIC MALE ON WESTBOUND STATE ROAD 24 NEAR TROY, NORTH CAROLINA, IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF MOUNT GILEAD, NORTH CAROLINA, WAS TRAVELING IN A DODGE RAM PICKUP WITH TEMPORARY NORTH CAROLINA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. THE SUBJECT

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WAS EN ROUTE FROM TROY TO ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA. A SEARCH, SUBSEQUENT TO A CANINE ALERT, REVEALED THE MARIJUANA WITHIN BURLAP SACKS LOCATED UNDER A PLASTIC TARP IN THE CARGO BED OF THE VEHICLE. THE MARIJUANA WAS WRAPPED IN PLASTIC WRAP AND SEALED WITH PLASTIC TAPE. THE DRIVER STATED HE WAS APPROACHED BY AN UNKNOWN HISPANIC MALE AT A GROCERY STORE IN TROY, NORTH CAROLINA, WHO OFFERED HIM \$500 TO DRIVE THE TRUCK FROM THE PARKING LOT TO A GAS STATION IN ALBEMARLE, NORTH CAROLINA.

JAN 06 - THE DALLAS, TEXAS, POLICE DEPARTMENT ASSISTED THE DEA IN A TRAFFIC STOP RESULTING IN THE SEIZURE OF 6 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1710 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE. THE DALLAS, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1993 NISSAN 300ZX WITH TEXAS PLATES AND WAS EN ROUTE TO A DALLAS AREA RESIDENCE. THE METHAMPHETAMINE WAS FOUND INSIDE A BOX LOCATED ON THE FLOORBOARD OF THE REAR PASSENGER SIDE. THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN RED AND GREEN CELLOPHANE.

JAN 07 - THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE SEIZED 3,000 DOSAGE UNITS OF LSD IN BLOTTER SHEETS AT 0900 HOURS FROM A WHITE FEMALE AND A BLACK MALE HEADING EAST ON JOPPA ROAD NEAR THE INTERSECTION WITH HARFORD ROAD IN BALTIMORE COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, AND HER PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF OWINGS MILLS, MARYLAND, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1987 AUDI 5000S WITH DELAWARE PLATES AND WERE STOPPED FOR A TAG VIOLATION. SUBSEQUENT TO THE STOP, 17 SMALL INDIVIDUAL PACKETS OF LSD WERE OBSERVED IN PLAIN VIEW IN THE FRONT DRIVER'S SIDE DOOR. A SEARCH INCIDENT TO ARREST REVEALED 22 FULL SHEETS AND 28 PARTIAL SHEETS OF LSD DOSAGE UNITS AND 16 ZIP-LOCK BAGS CONTAINING A TOTAL OF 2.3 GRAMS OF COCAINE. THE SHEETS CONTAINED 3- BY 3-INCH SQUARES OF LSD IMPRINTED WITH AN ABSTRACT PSYCHEDELIC DESIGN IN VARIOUS COLORS. A NUMBER OF THE 3 INCH SQUARES WERE TORN INTO SMALLER 3/4- BY 3/4-INCH SQUARES.

JAN 07 - THE ZAVALA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 420 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2336 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 57 NEAR BATESVILLE. THE MEXICAN NATIONAL, A RESIDENT OF PIEDRAS NEGRAS, MEXICO, WAS DRIVING A 1992 DODGE VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES AND STATED HE WAS EN ROUTE TO SAN ANTONIO FROM THE EAGLE PASS.

TEXAS, AREA. THE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT.

THE BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND THROUGHOUT THE VAN.

- JAN 07 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 3.7 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND 695 GRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1855 HOURS FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE MEN, WHO WERE IN THE DRIVER'S 1992 KANSAS PLATED NISSAN SENTRA, CLAIMED TO BE TRAVELING TO SHAWNEE, KANSAS, FROM POMONA, CALIFORNIA. OFFICERS NOTED THE SUSPECTS DID NOT HAVE ANY LUGGAGE AND THERE WAS A STRONG ODOR OF AIR FRESHENER IN THE VEHICLE. AFTER OBTAINING CONSENT TO SEARCH THE VEHICLE AND A CANINE ALERT, THE OFFICERS LOCATED THE DRUGS WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE DASHBOARD. THE COMPARTMENT'S ACCESS DOOR WAS LOCATED ABOVE THE GLOVE BOX. BOTH MEN - ONE A RESIDENT OF TRACY, CALIFORNIA, AND THE OTHER OF LOS ANGELES - WERE ARRESTED.
- JAN 07 - THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN CLARK COUNTY. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECTS IN A 1994 CHEVROLET WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE WITH A CANINE, THE OFFICERS LOCATED THE METHAMPHETAMINE. ONE OF THE MEN IS A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE SECOND SUSPECT'S RESIDENCE IS UNKNOWN.
- JAN 08 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 70 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM A COUPLE, BOTH RESIDENTS OF EUREKA, CALIFORNIA. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECTS AT 1930 HOURS ON THE NORTHBOUND LANES OF U.S. 101 IN MENDOCINO COUNTY FOR SPEEDING. THEY WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1987 TOYOTA PICKUP WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO EUREKA FROM SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA. A SEARCH WITH A CANINE REVEALED THE HEROIN INSIDE A TOOLBOX LOCATED IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP.
- JAN 10 - THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1100 HOURS FROM THREE LATIN MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING IN THE

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JAN 11 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 186 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2048 HOURS FROM AN ABANDONED VEHICLE AFTER THE DRIVER FLED ON FOOT SUBSEQUENT TO A TRAFFIC STOP. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1987 CHEVROLET 4-DOOR AND WAS HEADING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 57 IN ZAVALA COUNTY NEAR MAVERICK. THE MARIJUANA WAS IN PLAIN VIEW INSIDE THE VEHICLE.

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DEC 29 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 155 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0945 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN MALE RESIDENTS OF SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA. THE MEN WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN A 1990 CALIFORNIA PLATED LINCOLN TOWN CAR EN ROUTE TO SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS STOPPED THEM FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION AND AFTER OBTAINING CONSENT TO SEARCH, LOCATED 55 PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK AND TWO LARGE BAGS ON THE REAR SEAT. ALL PACKAGES WERE MARKED WITH "LEON DE LA SIERRA".

JAN 02 - THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED \$426,428 AT 2323 HOURS FROM THREE MALE AND TWO FEMALE COLOMBIAN NATIONALS HEADING SOUTHBOUND ON THE NEW JERSEY STATE TURNPIKE IN SALEM COUNTY. THE FEMALE DRIVER AND TWO OF HER PASSENGERS (ONE MALE AND ONE FEMALE) WERE RESIDENTS OF MIAMI, FLORIDA. THE REMAINING MALE PASSENGERS WERE RESIDENTS OF BOGOTA, COLOMBIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A STOLEN 1996 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES WHEN THEY WERE STOPPED FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATION. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE FROM QUEENS, NEW YORK, TO MIAMI, FLORIDA. A CONSENT SEARCH REVEALED THE CURRENCY WITHIN FOUR SUITCASES, TWO HANDBAGS AND ONE WALLET LOCATED IN THE PASSENGER AREA OF THE VEHICLE.

JAN 10 - THE CHESAPEAKE, VIRGINIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 712 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AT 0020 HOURS FROM THREE BLACK MALES HEADING

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SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 17 IN CHESAPEAKE. THE DRIVER AND ONE OF HIS PASSENGERS WERE RESIDENTS OF CHESAPEAKE AND THE REMAINING PASSENGER WAS A RESIDENT OF EDENTON, NORTH CAROLINA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1995 HYUNDAI ACCENT WITH NORTH CAROLINA PLATES WHEN THEY WERE STOPPED FOR SPEEDING. THE REGISTERED OWNER, ALLEGEDLY THE GIRLFRIEND OF ONE OF THE PASSENGERS, WAS NOT PRESENT. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE FROM MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, TO NORTH CAROLINA. A CONSENT SEARCH REVEALED THE CRACK COCAINE WITHIN A BLACK PLASTIC BAG LOCATED ON THE REAR SEAT OF THE VEHICLE. DURING THE ARREST OF THE SUBJECTS, THE DRIVER RESISTED AND ONE OF THE PASSENGERS FLED INTO A WOODED AREA AND REMAINS A FUGITIVE.

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JAN 11 - THE EAGLE PASS, TEXAS, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 304 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2000 HOURS FROM A DODGE VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES AFTER IT WAS ABANDONED BY THE DRIVER DURING A PURSUIT. THE OFFICER WAS ATTEMPTING TO MAKE A TRAFFIC STOP WHEN THE DRIVER ACCELERATED AND JUMPED OUT OF THE VEHICLE WHILE IT WAS IN MOTION, CAUSING THE VAN TO COLLIDE WITH A VEHICLE IN A USED CAR LOT. THE SUBJECT IS STILL AT LARGE. UPON INSPECTION OF THE VEHICLE, THE OFFICERS FOUND SIXTY BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA THROUGHOUT THE INSIDE OF THE VAN.

JAN 13 - THE SEVIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN UTAH SEIZED 422 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1230 HOURS FROM TWO JAMAICAN MALES, AND A MALE INDIAN NATIONAL, WHO WERE RESIDENTS OF BRENTWOOD AND BRONX, NEW YORK, AND A BLACK FEMALE FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 NEAR SALINA IN A 1996 WINNEBAGO MOTORHOME WITH NEW YORK PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND

INSIDE 13 METAL CONTAINERS LOCATED UNDER THE
HIDE-A-BEDS OF THE MOTORHOME.

JAN 13 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 272 GRAMS OF HEROIN AND \$2,028 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 0814 HOURS FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN SHASTA COUNTY. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECTS, BOTH RESIDENTS OF SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THE DRIVER, A GUATAMALAN NATIONAL AND HIS HISPANIC PASSENGER, WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1989 MERCURY COUGAR (NO PLATES) FROM SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, TO SEATTLE. DURING A CONSENT SEARCH, OFFICERS LOCATED THE HEROIN WITHIN THE VEHICLE'S CENTER CONSOLE.

JAN 14 - THE BUTTS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA SEIZED 8 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1511 HOURS FROM A HISPANIC COUPLE HEADING NORTHBOUND ON I-75. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND HIS PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1985 CHEVROLET CAPRICE WITH FLORIDA PLATES WHEN THEY WERE STOPPED FOR SPEEDING. THE PLATE WAS REGISTERED TO A 1987 DODGE PICKUP. (THE REGISTERED OWNER FOR THE PLATE WAS NOT PRESENT.) THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA, TO ALLEGEDLY ATLANTA, GEORGIA. A SEARCH, SUBSEQUENT TO A K-9 ALERT, REVEALED THE COCAINE WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE VEHICLE'S GAS TANK. THE DEPUTY NOTED A GAP BETWEEN THE BOTTOM OF THE CAR BODY AND THE TOP OF THE GAS TANK. THE DEPUTY PLACED HIS HAND ON TOP OF THE GAS TANK AND COULD FEEL A PACKAGE OF THE CONTRABAND.

ONE HALF CONTAINED GASOLINE AND THE OTHER HALF CONTAINED EIGHT PACKAGES OF COCAINE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED IN DUCT TAPE, COVERED IN GREASE, AND PLACED IN PLASTIC GROCERY BAGS.

JAN 14 - THE SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEIZED 6.3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE ON I-240 EASTBOUND AT 0026 HOURS. THE TWO LATIN MALES WERE TRAVELING IN A 1989 MERCURY STATION WAGON WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES WHEN STOPPED ON A SPEEDING VIOLATION. THE DRIVER WAS FROM LOS ANGELES, WHILE THE PASSENGER WAS FROM PICO

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RIVERA, CALIFORNIA. THEY WERE EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM LOS ANGELES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE REVEALED THE METHAMPHETAMINE INSIDE THE ROCKER PANELS. A SUCCESSFUL CONTROLLED DELIVERY WAS MADE IN ATLANTA RESULTING IN THE ARREST OF SEVERAL PEOPLE AND SEIZURE OF MORE CURRENCY. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER THE METHAMPHETAMINE WAS MADE IN MEXICO OR IN CALIFORNIA.

JAN 16 - THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 152 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1615 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE RESIDENT OF PUEBLO, COLORADO, WHO WAS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN THOMAS COUNTY NEAR COLBY. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1988 FORD PICKUP THAT HAD A HOMEMADE UTILITY BOX BUILT ONTO THE BED OF THE PICKUP. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE UTILITY BOX. A DRUG DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE. A 1997 FORD CROWN VICTORIA WITH ARIZONA RENTAL PLATES WAS TRAVELING WITH THE PICKUP. THE DRIVER WAS A WHITE MALE TUCSON, ARIZONA, RESIDENT.

JAN 17 - THE MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2,495 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA ON I-20 EASTBOUND AT 1355 HOURS IN RANKIN COUNTY. A TRACTOR TRAILER WAS TRAVELING EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM MCALLEN, TEXAS. THE TROOPER INITIALLY PULLED THE VEHICLE OVER FOR OPERATING WITHOUT WORKING LIGHTS. THE TRACTOR WAS A 1991 PETERBILT WITH ILLINOIS LICENSE PLATES. THE TRAILER WAS A 1985 MODEL WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE DRIVER WAS FROM ALICE, TEXAS. THE 155 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA, LOCATED INSIDE THE EMPTY TRAILER, HAD BEEN THROWN IN HAPHAZARDLY. THIS IS THE LARGEST SEIZURE OF MARIJUANA THUS FAR THIS YEAR FOR OPERATION PIPELINE, AS WELL AS THE LARGEST EVER FOR THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI. IN ADDITION, THIS IS THE THIRD LARGEST MARIJUANA SEIZURE EVER FOR OPERATION PIPELINE TO THIS DATE.

JAN 17 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$124,879 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1745 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE RESIDENT OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECT, WHO WAS TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 BUICK LESABRE WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES, ON THE NORTHBOUND LANES OF U.S. 101 IN MENDOCINO COUNTY FOR SPEEDING. OFFICERS SEARCHED THE VEHICLE WITH A CANINE AND LOCATED THE CURRENCY INSIDE A FEDERAL EXPRESS BOX IN THE TRUNK. THE MONEY WAS IN VACUUM-SEALED PACKAGES AND SCENTED WITH LEMON.

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JAN 18 - THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE SEIZED 19 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND 12 KILOGRAMS OF MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN AT 1215 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. AN OFFICER STOPPED A 1989 CHEVROLET PICKUP WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE OFFICER OBTAINED CONFLICTING STATEMENTS FROM EACH MODESTO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND EVENTUALLY ACQUIRED PERMISSION TO SEARCH THE PICKUP WITH A CANINE. THE CANINE ALERTED TO A CAMPER SHELL ATTACHED TO THE PICKUP. FURTHER INSPECTION REVEALED THE COCAINE AND HEROIN BETWEEN THE CAMPER SHELL'S ROOF AND CEILING.

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IN ADDITION TO THE DRUGS, THE OFFICER LOCATED 62 KILOGRAMS OF MINI-THINS, A PRECURSOR OFTEN USED IN THE MANUFACTURE OF METHAMPHETAMINE. IT IS SUSPECTED THE MEN WERE TRAVELING FROM LAREDO, TEXAS, TO MODESTO, CALIFORNIA. THIS IS THE LARGEST HEROIN SEIZURE REPORTED TO EPIC FOR OPERATION PIPELINE SINCE IT'S INCEPTION IN 1986.

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CONDUCTED ON ALL SUBSTANCES AND NOTHING THE SUBJECT WAS AGITATED AND ANGRY BECAUSE HE WAS TOLD THAT HE WAS TO BE PAID UPON DELIVERY OF THE MARIJUANA TO GEORGIA. IF ANYONE HAS ENCOUNTERED THIS TYPE OF SITUATION AND/OR CONCEALMENT, PLEASE NOTIFY THIS OFFICE.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 01/25/97

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THIS MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS CURRENT DRUG SEIZURES AND INTELLIGENCE THAT IMPACTS AGENCIES INVOLVED IN HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. IT BRIEFLY DISCUSSES THE EVENTS AND GIVES LIMITED INTERPRETATION OF THEIR MEANING. IT IS INTENDED TO ASSIST PLANNERS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

JAN 03 - THE BRYAN COUNTY, GEORGIA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEIZED \$441,520 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 2300 HOURS FROM A COLOMBIAN COUPLE HEADING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF FLUSHING, NEW YORK, AND HIS PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK, WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1994 LINCOLN TOWN CAR WITH NEW YORK PLATES. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE FROM NEW YORK TO MIAMI, FLORIDA. A SEARCH SUBSEQUENT TO A K-9 ALERT REVEALED THE CURRENCY WITHIN LUGGAGE IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE CURRENCY WAS STACKED LOOSELY IN NEATLY FOLDED ARTICLES OF CLOTHING IN THE LUGGAGE. THE SUBJECTS STATED THEY HAD FOUND THE CURRENCY IN A BUS STATION IN NEW YORK.

JAN 04 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.7 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1005 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN GLENN COUNTY. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECT, A RESIDENT OF SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. HE WAS DRIVING A 1983 FORD LTD WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE OWNERS WERE NOT PRESENT. DURING ROUTINE QUESTIONING, THE SUSPECT FLED ON FOOT BUT WAS APPREHENDED AND ARRESTED. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE INCIDENT TO ARREST REVEALED THE METHAMPHETAMINE IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK. THE SUSPECT WAS ALLEGEDLY DESTINED TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION IN WASHINGTON FROM SAN JOSE.

JAN 16 - THE VILLA RICA, GEORGIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 47 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND 1 KILOGRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1112 HOURS FROM A HISPANIC MALE AND WHITE FEMALE HEADING EASTBOUND ON I-20 IN CARROLL COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, AND HIS PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF DEKALB, GEORGIA, WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1990 CHEVROLET SILVERADO DUAL-WHEEL PICKUP TOWING A CATTLE HAULER, BOTH WITH TEXAS PLATES, WHEN THEY WERE STOPPED FOR NO BRAKE LIGHTS OR TAIL LIGHTS. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE FROM HOUSTON TO NORTH CAROLINA. A CONSENT SEARCH REVEALED THE DRUGS WITHIN HORSE FEED BAGS LOCATED IN THE

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FRONT STORAGE AREA OF THE APPROXIMATELY 35 FOOT LONG CATTLE HAULER. THE DRUGS WERE IN TEN FEED BAGS LOCATED UNDER A STACK OF LEGITIMATE FEED BAGS. THE MARIJUANA CONSISTED OF COMPRESSED BLOCKS WRAPPED IN SHRINK WRAP. THE DRIVER STATED HE WAS EN ROUTE TO NORTH CAROLINA TO PICK UP SOME BULLS.

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JAN 19 - THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TENNESSEE SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 184 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO VEHICLES ON I-240 EASTBOUND IN SHELBY COUNTY AT 1515 HOURS. THE TWO VEHICLES WERE TRAVELING TOGETHER, ALL THE WHILE TAILGATING AND SPEEDING. OFFICERS PULLED OVER THE TWO VEHICLES, ONE OF WHICH WAS A RENTED 1996 CHEVROLET BLAZER WITH TEXAS PLATES, OCCUPIED BY A BLACK MALE AND A LATIN FEMALE. THE MALE WAS FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., WHILE THE FEMALE RESIDED IN EL PASO, TEXAS. IN THE SECOND VEHICLE, IDENTIFIED AS A RENTED 1998 DODGE CARAVAN WITH TEXAS PLATES, WAS A BLACK MALE RESIDENT OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA, A BLACK FEMALE RESIDENT OF CHAPARRAL, NEW MEXICO, AND A LATIN FEMALE FROM EL PASO. ALL OF THE SUBJECTS WERE HEADED IN THE TWO VEHICLES TO SILVER SPRINGS, MARYLAND, FROM EL PASO. AFTER RECEIVING CONSENT TO SEARCH, 90.8 KILOGRAMS WAS FOUND INSIDE LUGGAGE IN THE 1996 CHEVROLET BLAZER. THE BUNDLES WERE PRESSURE PACKED, WRAPPED IN PLASTIC WRAP, LAUNDRY DETERGENT POWDER, AND ANOTHER LAYER OF PLASTIC WRAP. ALSO FOUND IN THE 1996 BLAZER WAS \$4,180 IN U.S. CURRENCY. THE OTHER 93.07 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA WAS FOUND IN LUGGAGE PLACED INSIDE THE 1997 DODGE CARAVAN BY MEMPHIS P.D. OFFICERS AFTER RECEIVING CONSENT TO SEARCH. ALSO FOUND WITHIN THE CARAVAN WAS \$246 IN U.S. CURRENCY. BOTH OF THE BLACK MALE DRIVERS WERE ORIGINALLY FROM JAMAICA.

JAN 19 - THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 4 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND 2 GRAMS OF HEROIN AT 2131 HOURS FROM THREE LATIN MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN THOMAS COUNTY NEAR COLBY. THE LYNWOOD AND COMPTON, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, FROM LOS ANGELES IN A 1987 HONDA ACCORD WITH KANSAS PLATES. THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND HIDDEN INSIDE THE REAR DOOR PANELS OF THE VEHICLE.

JAN 19 - THE NEBRASKA STATE POLICE SEIZED 276 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$2,841 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 2055 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80 IN DAWSON COUNTY. THE ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1995 DODGE VAN WITH MISSOURI PLATES AND THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE 30 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA HIDDEN INSIDE 12 LARGE DUFFLE BAGS LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE VAN.

- JAN 20 - THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 391 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$1,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1000 HOURS FROM TWO WHITE MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-35 IN OSAGE COUNTY NEAR MELVERN. THE SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE DRIVING A 1992 PACE ARROW MOTORHOME WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES AND THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND INSIDE A FALSE WALL THAT RAN THE ENTIRE WIDTH, HEIGHT AND LENGTH OF THE BACK CLOSET OF THE MOTORHOME. THE COMPARTMENT WAS APPROXIMATELY 6 INCHES DEEP AND THE SCREWS AND MOLDING HAD TO BE REMOVED FROM THE PLYWOOD IN ORDER TO ACCESS THE PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA.
- JAN 20 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 134 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1450 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 59 IN PANOLA COUNTY NEAR CARTHAGE. THE FAIRFIELD, OHIO, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1992 FORD CROWN VICTORIA WITH TEXAS PLATES AND WAS EN ROUTE TO OHIO FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE TROOPER NOTICED THE ODOR OF MARIJUANA EMITTING FROM THE VEHICLE DURING THE TRAFFIC STOP, AND REQUESTED CONSENT TO SEARCH WHICH THE SUBJECT REFUSED. THE SUBJECT ATTEMPTED TO FLEE FROM THE OFFICER, BUT WAS APPREHENDED IMMEDIATELY. A TOTAL OF 28 PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND IN THE TRUNK.
- JAN 21 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 108 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A TOOLBOX LOCATED IN THE BED OF A 1988 MAZDA PICKUP. OFFICERS STOPPED THE CALIFORNIA REGISTERED VEHICLE AT 1150 HOURS ON I-8 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THE PICKUP'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS ARRESTED THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA NORTE, MEXICO, AFTER A CANINE ALERTED TO THE MARIJUANA-LADEN TOOLBOX.
- JAN 22 - THE VIRGINIA STATE POLICE SEIZED 22.5 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1400 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK FEMALES HEADING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 13 IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, AND HER PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1984 CHEVROLET BERETTA WITH VIRGINIA PLATES. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE FROM SALISBURY, MARYLAND, TO NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, AND WERE ACCOMPANIED BY TWO MINOR CHILDREN. A SEARCH REVEALED THE COCAINE WITHIN A GYM BAG IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE COCAINE CONSISTED OF 9 PACKAGES WEIGHING APPROXIMATELY TWO KILOGRAMS EACH AND TWO PACKAGES WEIGHING APPROXIMATELY ONE KILOGRAM EACH. EIGHT OF THE LARGE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN CLEAR CELLOPHANE AND THE OTHER WAS WRAPPED IN YELLOW PLASTIC. THE TWO SMALL PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN BLACK ELECTRICAL TAPE AND AN OUTER LAYER OF CLEAR CELLOPHANE. SIX OF THE LARGE PACKAGES WERE MARKED WITH A RED, SPRAY PAINTED "V". THE REMAINING THREE LARGE PACKAGES BORE A RED, SPRAY PAINTED "P". THE

TWO SMALL PACKAGES BORE NO MARKINGS.

- JAN 23 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 11 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0825 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE RESIDENT OF SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECT, WHO WAS TRAVELING IN A 1995 CHEVROLET S10 PICKUP WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES, FOR A REGISTRATION VIOLATION. THE OWNER OF THE PICKUP WAS NOT PRESENT. THE SUSPECT CLAIMED TO BE EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TEXAS, FROM SAN JOSE BUT HAD NO LUGGAGE. THE OFFICERS OBTAINED CONSENT TO SEARCH THE VEHICLE AND DISCOVERED THE METHAMPHETAMINE IN THE SPARE TIRE.
- JAN 23 - OFFICERS OF THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY ASSISTED U.S. CUSTOMS SPECIAL AGENTS IN AN INVESTIGATION WHICH CULMINATED IN THE SEIZURE OF 103 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA. THE OFFICERS STOPPED TWO FEMALES WHO WERE TRAVELING IN AN ARIZONA-PLATED 1987 NISSAN SENTRA REGISTERED TO A THIRD FEMALE WHO WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE WITH A CANINE, THE OFFICERS LOCATED PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA IN THE TRUNK AND REAR SEAT. THE SUSPECTS, ONE A RESIDENT OF PHOENIX, ARIZONA, WERE ALLEGEDLY EN ROUTE TO TUCSON FROM DOUGLAS, ARIZONA, WHERE THE MARIJUANA PURPORTEDLY WAS SMUGGLED INTO THE UNITED STATES.
- JAN 24 - THE SEVIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN UTAH SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1040 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 NEAR SALINA. THE DRIVER, A HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER FROM BELL, CALIFORNIA, WERE EN ROUTE TO DENVER IN THE DRIVER'S 1987 TOYOTA WITH CALIFORNIA TAGS. THE METHAMPHETAMINE WAS FOUND HIDDEN IN ONE OF FOUR ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED COMPARTMENTS LOCATED IN THE FLOOR OF THE VEHICLE.
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- [REDACTED] THE OTHER THREE COMPARTMENTS WERE EMPTY. THE CONTRABAND HAD BEEN WRAPPED IN SEVERAL LAYERS OF CELLOPHANE AND CAYENNE PEPPER HAD BEEN SPRINKLED IN BETWEEN THE LAYERS TO ACT AS A MASKING AGENT.
- JAN 25 - THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MISSOURI SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 143 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1325 HOURS FROM A LAREDO, TEXAS, RESIDENT WHO WAS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44 IN EUREKA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING HIS 1991 PETERBILT TRACTOR (WITHOUT A TRAILER) EN ROUTE TO HAMMOND, INDIANA, FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE 30 BUNDLES OF COMPRESSED MARIJUANA WERE FOUND HIDDEN INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED UNDER THE SLEEPER OF THE TRACTOR. THE OFFICER FOUND AN ALUMINUM PARTITION BELOW THE BED IN THE CENTER. THIS AREA IS USUALLY USED FOR STORAGE, HOWEVER, AN ALUMINUM PARTITION HAD BEEN USED TO COVER THIS AREA. AFTER THE OFFICER NOTICED A STRONG SMELL OF MARIJUANA HE USED A PHILLIPS

SCREWDRIVER, FOUND NEXT TO THE DRIVER'S SEAT, TO REMOVE THE TOP RIGHT SCREW AND PULL THE PARTITION DOWN. THE BRICKS OF MARIJUANA WERE THEN IN PLAIN SIGHT.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 02/01/97

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JAN 15 - THE NUECES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED \$528,406 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 IN ROBSTOWN. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO MONTERREY, MEXICO, FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS, IN A RENTED DODGE CARAVAN WHICH HAD BEEN RENTED BY A SECOND PARTY WHO WAS NOT AT THE SCENE. THE RENTER, HOWEVER, WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED FOR MONEY LAUNDERING. THE OFFICER NOTICED DISCREPANCIES IN THE INSULATION AROUND THE TIRE JACK, AND REMOVED A PLASTIC BAGGIE FROM THAT AREA AND OBSERVED SEVERAL BUNDLES OF MONEY. FURTHER INSPECTION OF THE VEHICLE, REVEALED MORE BUNDLES OF MONEY IN THE FENDERS, INSIDE BOTH FRONT DOOR PANELS, INSIDE BOTH SLIDING DOOR PANELS, AND INSIDE THE BACKS OF THE REAR SEATS.

JAN 17 - THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 816 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA ON I-10 EASTBOUND IN SLIDELL, ST. TAMMANY PARISH, AT 1930 HOURS. A 1985 CHEVROLET SILVERADO WITH CAMPER SHELL, ESCORTED BY TWO OTHER VEHICLES, WAS EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS. A MEXICAN MALE WAS DRIVING THE SILVERADO. ALL THREE VEHICLES HAD LOUISIANA PLATES. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND INSIDE 36 CARDBOARD BOXES LOCATED IN THE BED OF THE TRUCK UNDER THE CAMPER SHELL. THE TWO ESCORT VEHICLES WERE A 1989 DODGE SPIRIT AND A 1984 BUICK SKYLARK. THE MARIJUANA CAME FROM CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO. [REDACTED]

JAN 24 - THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 112 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1351 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN NATIONAL MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN SALINE COUNTY NEAR SALINA. THE PUEBLO, COLORADO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CLEVELAND, OHIO, FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA, IN A RENTED VAN. TWO LATIN FEMALES, WHO WERE ALSO ARRESTED, WERE TRAVELING WITH THE VAN IN A GEO TRACKER WITH ARIZONA TAGS AS AN ESCORT VEHICLE. THE FEMALES WERE RESIDENTS OF PHOENIX, ARIZONA, AND HAD THE KEYS TO THE LOCK ON THE BACK DOORS OF THE VAN WHICH CONTAINED THE 11 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA. A DRUG DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VAN.

JAN 25 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 13 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND \$1,093 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 0920 HOURS FROM A LATIN COUPLE WHO HAD THEIR 5 YEAR OLD SON WITH THEM. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 281 IN HIDALGO COUNTY NEAR SAN MANUEL. THE SUBJECTS WERE IN THE DRIVER'S 1988 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS WITH TEXAS PLATES EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON FROM MCALLEN, TEXAS, AND MONTERREY, MEXICO.

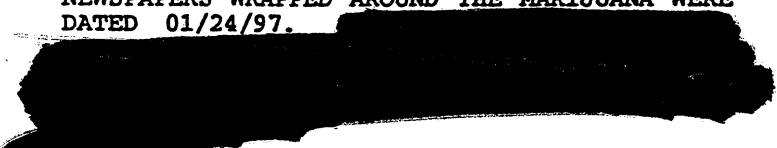
THE COCAINE WAS FOUND AFTER THE TROOPER NOTICED THAT THE SCREW, ATTACHING THE VENT PANEL TO THE REAR QUARTER PANEL AREA, HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY REMOVED DUE TO SCRATCHES ON THE HEAD OF THE SCREW.

JAN 26 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 294 DOSAGE UNITS OF ROHYPNOL AND 88 DOSAGE UNITS OF VALIUM FROM TWO WHITE MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-35E IN ELLIS COUNTY NEAR WAXAHACHIE. THE ATHENS, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1987 NISSAN 2-DOOR VEHICLE WITH TEXAS PLATES EN ROUTE TO ATHENS FROM LAREDO, TEXAS. THE PILLS WERE FOUND UNDER THE CONSOLE AND UP TO THE DASHBOARD COMPARTMENT.

JAN 26 - THE VILLA RICA, GEORGIA, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 956 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1150 HOURS FROM A 1987 FRUEHAUF REFRIGERATED TRAILER BEING TOWED BY A 1997 KENWORTH TRACTOR. THE TRACTOR-TRAILER WAS OCCUPIED BY A LONE HISPANIC MALE AND WAS HEADING EASTBOUND

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ON I-20 IN CARROLL COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF EDCOUCHE, TEXAS, WAS STOPPED FOR CHANGING LANES WITHOUT USING TURN SIGNALS. THE TRACTOR-TRAILER WAS TRANSPORTING A LOAD OF PAPAYAS FROM MCALLEN, TEXAS, TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA. THE TRACTOR WAS REGISTERED TO AN INDIVIDUAL IN PHARR, TEXAS, AND THE TRAILER WAS REGISTERED TO A FIRM IN MISSION, TEXAS. THE DRIVER STATED HE KNEW NOTHING OF THE LOAD OTHER THAN HE WAS TO DELIVER IT TO THE FARMER'S MARKET IN FOREST PARK, GEORGIA. THE OFFICER NOTED THE DRIVER WAS VERY NERVOUS AND THE HANDWRITTEN BILL OF LADING DID NOT LIST A CONTACT NAME OR PHONE NUMBER. A CONSENT SEARCH REVEALED THE MARIJUANA WITHIN PAPAYA BOXES LOCATED ON PALLETS IN THE FRONT PORTION OF THE TRAILER. THE PAPAYA BOXES IN THE REAR OF THE TRAILER WERE STACKED TO NEAR THE HEIGHT OF THE TRAILER BUT WERE POORLY PACKED WITH MULTIPLE BOXES OVERTURNED ON THE FLOOR BETWEEN THE LOADED PALLETS. IN THE REAR HALF OF THE TRAILER THE PALLETS WERE STACKED IN A WAY TO ALLOW ONE TO SEE IN AND AROUND THE BOXES OF PAPAYAS. THE FRONT HALF OF THE LOAD WAS PACKED VERY TIGHTLY. THE MARIJUANA WAS LOCATED IN BOXES FOUND UNDER THE PAPAYA BOXES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TIGHT LOAD. THE MARIJUANA CONSISTED OF 20 TO 40 POUND COMPRESSED BLOCKS SEALED IN SHRINK WRAP, SMEARED WITH MUSTARD, AND WRAPPED IN GREY TAPE. THE MARIJUANA, AS WELL AS THE PAPAYAS, WERE WRAPPED IN MEXICAN NEWSPAPERS. THE NEWSPAPERS WRAPPED AROUND THE MARIJUANA WERE DATED 01/24/97.



JAN 27 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 162 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0730 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON CALIFORNIA STATE ROUTE 94. THE SUSPECT, A RESIDENT OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, WAS INVOLVED IN A VEHICLE ACCIDENT AND FLED THE SCENE ON FOOT. OFFICERS LOCATED AND APPREHENDED THE SUSPECT FROM THE NEARBY BRUSH. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, A CALIFORNIA REGISTERED 1988 HONDA ACCORD, REVEALED 120 PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA IN THE TRUNK AND BACK SEAT.

JAN 28 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 9.7 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 2030 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON

I-5 IN KERN COUNTY. THE MEN, BOTH RESIDENTS OF ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1989 NISSAN SENTRA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES WHEN OFFICERS STOPPED THEM FOR AN EQUIPMENT VIOLATION. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, A CANINE ALERTED TO THE NISSAN'S REAR BUMPER WHERE OFFICERS LOCATED THE METHAMPHETAMINE. THE MEN CLAIMED TO BE TRAVELING FROM SAN FRANCISCO TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

JAN 29 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 7.5 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0715 HOURS FROM TWO MEN TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1987 CHEVROLET VAN WITH KANSAS PLATES. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECTS, ONE A RESIDENT OF LIBERAL, KANSAS, AND THE OTHER OF PACOIMA, CALIFORNIA, ON THE EASTBOUND LANES OF I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FOR EQUIPMENT VIOLATIONS. THE OFFICERS OBTAINED CONSENT TO SEARCH THE VAN AND, WITH THE AID OF A CANINE, LOCATED THE METHAMPHETAMINE CONCEALED BEHIND THE RIGHT REAR WALL PANEL. THE SUSPECTS WERE ALLEGEDLY EN ROUTE TO LIBERAL FROM PACOIMA.

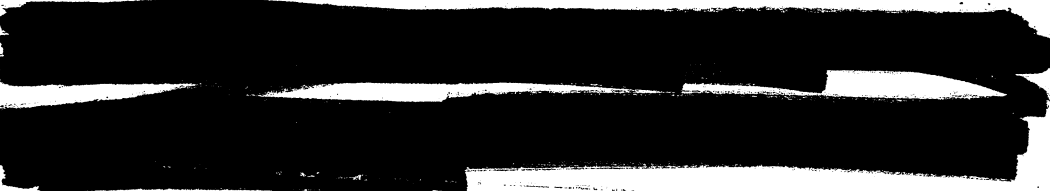
JAN 29 - THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1015 HOURS FROM THREE LATIN MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN JUAB COUNTY NEAR NEPHI. THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SALT LAKE CITY FROM CALIFORNIA IN THE DRIVER'S 1993 TOYOTA WITH CALIFORNIA TAGS. THE CONTRABAND, WRAPPED IN GREY DUCT TAPE, WAS FOUND BY OFFICERS UNDER THE AIR CLEANER IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT OF THE VEHICLE.

JAN 29 - THE PHELPS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSOURI SEIZED 251 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 2230 HOURS FROM A COUPLE WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44 NEAR ROLLA. THE MALE DRIVER, AND HIS FEMALE PASSENGER FROM PENNSYLVANIA, WERE EN ROUTE TO YONKERS, NEW YORK, FROM EL PASO, TEXAS, WHEN THEY WERE STOPPED FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THE SUBJECTS WERE IN A 1991 FORD F-350 FLAT-BED TRUCK WITH OKLAHOMA PLATES AND THE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A VISUAL INSPECTION THE OFFICER NOTICED THAT THE UNDERCARRIAGE OF THE BED OF THE TRUCK HAD BEEN MODIFIED. THE PACKAGES OF COCAINE WERE FOUND CONCEALED IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT AFTER THE BOARDS, THAT CONSTITUTED THE FLAT-BED, WERE UNBOLTED AND REMOVED. A DRUG DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

JAN 31 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 30 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1420 HOURS FROM A LATIN COUPLE TRAVELING WITH A CHILD IN A 1993 MITSUBISHI MONTERO WITH FLORIDA PLATES. THE SUSPECTS WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY WHEN OFFICERS STOPPED THEM FOR AN EQUIPMENT VIOLATION. THE DRIVER AND OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A MEXICAN MALE RESIDENT OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, AND HIS PASSENGER, A COLOMBIAN RESIDENT OF MIDDLETOWN, NEW YORK, GAVE OFFICERS PERMISSION TO SEARCH THE MITSUBISHI. A CANINE ALERTED TO THE FRONT FENDERS WHERE OFFICERS LOCATED SOME OF THE COCAINE. OFFICERS ALSO LOCATED PACKAGES OF COCAINE IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT UNDER THE REAR SEAT. REPORTING INDICATES THE COUPLE FLEW IN FROM NEW YORK THE DAY BEFORE TO PICK UP THE VEHICLE IN LOS ANGELES AND WERE HEADED BACK TO NEW YORK.

INTELLIGENCE: THE INDIANA STATE POLICE REPORTED A SEIZURE OF \$32,310 IN U.S. CURRENCY AND 3 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE ON 01/24/97, FROM A 1986 BUICK LASABRE THAT WAS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-65 IN TIPPECANOE COUNTY. THE VEHICLE WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO FROM INDIANAPOLIS AND A MEXICAN NATIONAL FROM CHICAGO WAS THE ONLY OCCUPANT IN THE VEHICLE. THERE WERE TWO COMPARTMENTS LOCATED IN THE NATURAL CAVITIES IN THE REAR QUARTER PANELS OF THE VEHICLE AND THEY WERE ACTIVATED BY ELECTRIC TRUNK LOCKS. TWO GREASE SPOTS ON THE CARPET ALONG THE LEFT SIDE OF THE DRIVER'S SEAT MARKED WHERE TWO SWITCHES WERE TO OPEN THE COMPARTMENT DOORS. THE FRONT SWITCH CONTROLLED THE LEFT COMPARTMENT DOOR AND THE BACK SWITCH CONTROLLED THE RIGHT COMPARTMENT DOOR. THE SYSTEM WAS WIRED DIRECTLY TO THE BATTERY. THE COMPARTMENTS WERE SECURED BY ELECTRIC TRUNK LOCK MECHANISMS WHICH WERE WELDED TO THE BODY OF THE CAR, WERE LOCATED INSIDE THE COMPARTMENT. THE SEQUENCE FOR GAINING ACCESS TO THE COMPARTMENTS IS AS FOLLOWS:

- IGNITION SWITCH IN ON POSITION
- TEMPERATURE CONTROL ON DEFROSTER SET ON HOT
- FAN ON HIGH
- REAR WINDOW DEFROSTER SWITCH TURNED ON



SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES FOR INCLUSION IN THIS MESSAGE ARE DEFINED AS FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE; ONE HUNDRED (100) KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA; TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN; FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK; ONE (1) KILOGRAM OF

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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH NOT REPORTED IN THIS TELETYPE, SEIZURES OF OVER 1 POUND OF COCAINE (454 GRAMS), 10 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA (4,540 GRAMS), 1 OUNCE OF CRACK (28 GRAMS), A GRAM OR MORE OF HEROIN, 454 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF LSD, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND \$1,000 IN DRUG-RELATED CURRENCY ARE CAPTURED IN EPIC'S HIGHWAY SEIZURE DATABASE. THE SIGNIFICANT SEIZURE CRITERIA WAS SET BECAUSE OF THE SHEER NUMBER OF SEIZURES RECEIVED AT EPIC THAT COULD NOT BE PUBLISHED VIA THIS MEDIUM OR VIA THE EPIC MONTHLY THREAT BRIEF.

METHAMPHETAMINE; AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 02/08/97

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THIS MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS CURRENT DRUG SEIZURES AND INTELLIGENCE THAT IMPACTS AGENCIES INVOLVED IN HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. IT BRIEFLY DISCUSSES THE EVENTS AND GIVES LIMITED INTERPRETATION OF THEIR MEANING. IT IS INTENDED TO ASSIST PLANNERS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

JAN 27 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED APPROXIMATELY \$100,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1350 HOURS FROM A LATIN COUPLE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 281 IN JIM WELLS COUNTY NEAR ALICE. THE EAGLE PASS, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE IN THE DRIVER'S 1988 FORD AEROSTAR VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES. A DRUG CANINE ALERTED TO THE CURRENCY IN A NATURAL CAVITY OF THE FRONT BUMPER AND IN THE LEFT REAR TAIL LIGHT ASSEMBLY. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MCALLEN, AND POSSIBLY MEXICO, FROM CHICAGO. TWO COUNTERFEIT TWENTY DOLLAR BILLS WERE ALSO SEIZED.

JAN 29 - THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 464 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0634 HOURS FROM A 1976 GMC UTILITY TRUCK WITH ARIZONA PLATES. THE OFFICER, AND AN AGENT OF THE U.S. BORDER PATROL, FOLLOWED THIS VEHICLE AND TWO OTHERS AS THEY DEPARTED AN AREA KNOWN TO BE FREQUENTLY USED BY ALIEN AND NARCOTIC TRAFFICKERS TO SMUGGLE THEIR CARGO. THE FIRST TWO VEHICLES AVOIDED THE OFFICERS; HOWEVER, THE DPS OFFICER INITIATED A TRAFFIC STOP ON THE GMC PICKUP. THE DRIVER ABANDONED THE VEHICLE AND WAS NOT LOCATED. A SEARCH OF THE PICKUP REVEALED THE MARIJUANA IN THE SIDE PANELS AND BED.

FEB 01 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 388 GRAMS OF HEROIN AT 0145 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN COLUSA COUNTY. THE MEN, BOTH RESIDENTS OF PORTLAND, OREGON,

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WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1986 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS WITH OREGON PLATES WHEN OFFICERS STOPPED THEM FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. DURING A CONSENT SEARCH, OFFICERS LOCATED THE HEROIN INSIDE A 5-GALLON BUCKET OF LARD WHICH WAS LOCATED IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK. THE SUSPECTS WERE ALLEGEDLY EN ROUTE TO PORTLAND FROM SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA.

FEB 02 - THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 13.6 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0036 HOURS FROM A LATIN COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN CLARK COUNTY. OFFICERS STOPPED THE COUPLE, WHO WERE IN A 1989 FORD TAURUS WITH IOWA PLATES, FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE MEXICAN SUSPECTS, BOTH RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, GAVE OFFICERS PERMISSION TO SEARCH THE VEHICLE. WITH THE AID OF A CANINE, OFFICERS LOCATED PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE WITHIN THE FORD'S ROCKER PANELS. THE PACKAGES WERE LOADED FROM THE FRONT OF THE ROCKER PANELS AND HAD STRING ATTACHED TO THEM APPARENTLY FOR EASY EXTRACTION FROM THE PANELS. THE SUSPECTS WERE ALLEGEDLY TRAVELING FROM LOS ANGELES TO A DESTINATION IN IOWA, POSSIBLY MUSCATINE.

FEB 02 - THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED \$300,497 IN U.S. CURRENCY ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE SOUTHBOUND NEAR WOOLWICH TOWNSHIP, GLOUCESTER COUNTY AT 1208 HOURS. A LATIN MALE WAS DRIVING A RENTED 1996 PONTIAC WITH FLORIDA PLATES WHEN STOPPED ON A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. HE WAS EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM THE ISLAND OF MANHATTAN, NEW YORK STATE. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF MIAMI, ORIGINALLY FROM COLOMBIA. AFTER RECEIVING CONSENT TO SEARCH, THE TROOPER FOUND THE CURRENCY IN A DUFFLEBAG AND SHOEBOX IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

FEB 02 - THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$102,960 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1632 HOURS FROM THREE SUBJECTS WHO WERE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-70 IN THOMAS COUNTY NEAR COLBY. A BLACK FEMALE FROM CLEVELAND, OHIO, WITH HER TWO BLACK MALE PASSENGERS FROM BALTIMORE AND OWINGS MILLS, MARYLAND, RESPECTIVELY, WERE EN ROUTE TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, FROM CLEVELAND, OHIO. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 DODGE VAN WITH OHIO TAGS AND THE PERSON WHO RENTED THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND INSIDE TWO SUITCASES LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE VAN. A DRUG DETECTION

CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

- FEB 02 - THE RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEIZED 9.08 KILOGRAMS OF CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0115 HOURS. A LATIN MALE WAS DRIVING A NISSAN PICKUP TRUCK WITH EXPIRED GEORGIA PLATES ON I-20 EASTBOUND WHEN STOPPED FOR SPEEDING. THE SUBJECT WAS A RESIDENT OF PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA. THE CRYSTAL METHAMPHETAMINE WAS FOUND UNDER THE DASH IN THE ROCKER PANEL AREA.
- FEB 02 - THE REFUGIO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 1,005 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$1,600 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1000 HOURS FROM A JAMAICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 IN REFUGIO COUNTY. THE NORTH LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1986 PETERBILT TRACTOR WITH 1987 UTILITY TRAILER (BOTH WITH FLORIDA PLATES) EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK FROM MCALLEN, TEXAS. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND IN SUITCASES WHICH HAD BEEN PLACED UNDER A LOAD OF PRODUCE (ONIONS, CABBAGE AND GRAPEFRUIT). THE SUBJECT WAS TO BE PAID \$50,000 UPON DELIVERY OF THE MARIJUANA.
- FEB 03 - THE NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 61 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A LATIN MALE AT 1430 HOURS. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A LINCOLN TOWNCAR WITH NEW YORK PLATES EN ROUTE TO AN ADDRESS IN JACKSON HEIGHTS FROM WASHINGTON HEIGHTS WHEN STOPPED ON A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. AFTER RECEIVING CONSENT TO SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND 55 KILOGRAMS IN THE TRUNK, WHILE THE OTHER SIX KILOGRAMS WERE LOOSE OR INSIDE LUGGAGE ALONG THE DASH AREA BEHIND THE BACK SEAT. THERE WERE NO SPECIFIC MARKINGS ON THE PACKAGES. THE SUBJECT WAS A COLOMBIAN MALE WHO RESIDED IN JACKSON HEIGHTS.
- FEB 04 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 33 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1316 HOURS FROM A BLACK COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN OLDHAM COUNTY NEAR VEGA. THE DALLAS, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE IN THE DRIVER'S 1994 NISSAN SENTRA WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE COUPLE WAS EN ROUTE TO DALLAS FROM CALIFORNIA. THE COCAINE WAS FOUND HIDDEN IN THE REAR QUARTER PANELS OF THE VEHICLE.
- FEB 05 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 200 GRAMS OF MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN AT 0815 HOURS FROM A LATIN COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SUSPECTS, BOTH

RESIDENTS OF PUEBLO, COLORADO, WERE TRAVELING TO PUEBLO FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. OFFICERS STOPPED THEM FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THEY WERE IN A 1988 BUICK REGAL WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES REGISTERED TO A THIRD PARTY WHO WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENT SEARCH WITH A CANINE, OFFICERS LOCATED THE HEROIN UNDER THE DRIVER'S SEAT.

FEB 05 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 119 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0745 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE RESIDENT OF EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA. OFFICERS STOPPED HIM FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION ON THE WESTBOUND LANES OF I-8 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE OFFICERS COULD SMELL A STRONG ODOR OF FRESH MARIJUANA AND NOTICED IN PLAIN VIEW TWO DUFFLE BAGS ON THE VEHICLE'S SEATS. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE REVEALED MARIJUANA IN THE BAGS ON THE SEATS AND, AFTER A CANINE ALERT, IN THREE ADDITIONAL DUFFLE BAGS LOCATED IN THE TRUNK. THE SUSPECT WAS ALSO IN POSSESSION OF A CLONED PHONE.

FEB 05 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 1,556 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2202 HOURS FROM TWO JAMAICAN MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 59 IN PANOLA COUNTY NEAR CARTHAGE. THE SUBJECTS WERE IN A 1995 FORD UTILITY VAN WITH NEW YORK PLATES, REGISTERED TO THE DRIVER'S GIRLFRIEND, EN ROUTE TO FIVE SEPARATE LOCATIONS; (NEW YORK CITY, ROCHESTER, N.Y., WASHINGTON, D.C., MILWAUKEE, AND PHILADELPHIA) FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND IN BOXES COMMINGLED WITH USED FURNITURE IN THE CARGO AREA.

FEB 05 - THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 20 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1304 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-80 IN LASALLE COUNTY. THE MEXICALIA, BAJA CALIFORNIA NORTE, MEXICO, RESIDENTS EN ROUTE TO OMAHA, NEBRASKA FROM CICERO, ILLINOIS, IN A 1990 BUICK REGAL WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE COCAINE WAS CONCEALED INSIDE AN ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED COMPARTMENT BUILT INTO THE REAR QUARTER PANELS OF THE VEHICLE AND

THE PACKAGES OF COCAINE HAD THE NUMBERS "13", THE WORD "CORONA", A PICTURE OF A SMALL RED SPORTS CAR (I.E. MG), OR A PICTURE OF A YELLOW BULL DOG. DOG SPRAY AND FABRIC SOFTENER SHEETS HAD BEEN USED AS MASKING AGENTS. A DRUG DETECTION CANINE WAS

USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

FEB 05 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 14 KILOGRAMS OF AMPHETAMINE AT 1100 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN FAYETTE COUNTY NEAR SCHULENBURG. THE NUEVO LAREDO, TAMAULIPAS, MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1987 FORD RANGER PICKUP TRUCK WITH TEXAS PLATES EN ROUTE TO PASADENA, TEXAS, FROM LAREDO, TEXAS. THE AMPHETAMINE WAS FOUND INSIDE A DUFFLE BAG LOCATED ON THE FLOORBOARD OF THE TRUCK.

FEB 06 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 6 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 2115 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SUSPECT, A RESIDENT OF BELL GARDENS, CALIFORNIA, WAS TRAVELING IN A 1987 CHEVROLET CELICA WITH NO PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. THE DRIVER APPEARED NERVOUS AND CLAIMED NOT TO KNOW THE VEHICLE OWNER. OFFICERS SEARCHED THE VEHICLE AND FOUND THE COCAINE INSIDE A COMPARTMENT LOCATED UNDER THE REAR SEAT WHICH WAS RAISED APPROXIMATELY 10 INCHES ABOVE THE FRONT SEAT. ACCESS TO THE COMPARTMENT WAS ABOVE THE TRANSMISSION HUMP AT THE FRONT OF THE REAR SEAT. THE SUSPECT WAS ALLEGEDLY EN ROUTE TO DENVER, COLORADO, FROM BELL GARDENS, CALIFORNIA.

FEB 06 - THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE SEIZED 474 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$27,243 IN U.S. CURRENCY ON U.S. 67 NORTHBOUND AFTER STOPPING A TRACTOR TRAILER WHICH HAD BYPASSED THE LICENSE AND WEIGHT STATION AT HOPE, HEMPSTEAD COUNTY AT 0230 HOURS. A WHITE MALE WAS DRIVING HIS 1972 PETERBILT TRACTOR WITH OKLAHOMA PLATES, TOWING A REFRIGERATED TRAILER (NFI) EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO FROM MCALLEN, TEXAS. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF VIOLA, ARKANSAS. THE OFFICERS RECEIVED PERMISSION TO SEARCH THE VEHICLE, AND A CANINE ALERTED TO THE TRAILER. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE NAME OF THE TRUCKING COMPANY ON THE TRACTOR WAS FICTITIOUS, AND CARRIED NO ICC OR DOT NUMBERS. THE DRIVER HAD NO BILL OF LADING. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND IN THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER, BEHIND 32,000 POUNDS OF ROTTEN ORANGES. THE ORANGES HAD BEEN IN THE TRAILER FOR THREE WEEKS. ORIGINALLY, THE MARIJUANA AND ORANGES WERE DESTINED FOR FLORIDA, BUT FOR AN UNKNOWN REASON, A GROUP REFUSED TO TAKE DELIVERY. THE DRIVER ADMITTED TO STASHING CURRENCY IN TWO DIFFERENT STATES.

APPROXIMATELY \$60,000 WAS SEIZED IN TEXAS, WHILE \$20,000 WAS SEIZED IN VIOLA. THE CURRENCY SEIZED AT THE TIME OF THE STOP (\$27,243) WAS FOUND IN THE SLEEPER COMPARTMENT OF THE TRACTOR.

FEB 06 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 169 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0850 HOURS FROM THREE LATIN MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 281 IN HIDALGO COUNTY NEAR SAN MANUEL. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE IN TWO SEPARATE PICKUP TRUCKS WITH TEXAS PLATES AND ONE OF THE TRUCKS WAS TOWING A 1986 SPORT BOAT WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND IN THE BOAT HIDDEN IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, FROM SAN BENITO, TEXAS.

FEB 07 - THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5,384 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$1,054 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1229 HOURS FROM TWO WHITE MALES INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT. THE CHICAGO AND ELMHURST, ILLINOIS, RESIDENTS WERE IN THE PASSENGER'S 1988 PETERBILT TRACTOR WITH TRAILER (ILLINOIS PLATES) ON THE INDIAN NATION TURNPIKE WHEN THEY WERE INVOLVED IN A COLLISION CAUSING THE VEHICLE TO OVERTURN AND THE TRAILER TO BREAK OPEN. APPROXIMATELY 320 PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA WERE IN PLAIN VIEW INSIDE THE TRAILER ALONG WITH A COVER LOAD OF ONIONS, SOME OF WHICH WERE ROTTEN. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO FROM EITHER MCALLEN OR EDINBURG, TEXAS.

FEB 08 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 1.3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1056 HOURS FROM TWO WHITE MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN POTTER COUNTY NEAR AMARILLO. THE STEELE, AND KENNETT, MISSOURI, RESIDENTS WERE IN THE DRIVER'S 1995 DODGE AVENGER WITH MISSOURI PLATES. SOME OF THE METH WAS FOUND IN A HAND CREAM CONTAINER LOCATED IN THE VEHICLE.

SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES FOR INCLUSION IN THIS MESSAGE ARE DEFINED AS FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE; ONE HUNDRED (100) KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA; TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN; FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK; ONE (1) KILOGRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE; AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH NOT REPORTED IN THIS TELETYPE, SEIZURES OF OVER 1 POUND OF COCAINE (454 GRAMS),

10 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA (4,540 GRAMS), 1 OUNCE OF CRACK (28 GRAMS), A GRAM OR MORE OF HEROIN, 454 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF LSD, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND \$1,000 IN DRUG-RELATED CURRENCY ARE CAPTURED IN EPIC'S HIGHWAY SEIZURE DATABASE. THE SIGNIFICANT SEIZURE CRITERIA WAS SET BECAUSE OF THE SHEER NUMBER OF SEIZURES RECEIVED AT EPIC THAT COULD NOT BE PUBLISHED VIA THIS MEDIUM OR VIA THE EPIC MONTHLY THREAT BRIEF.

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Highway Drug Interdiction Weekly Activity Report
Week Ending 02/15/97

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This message highlights current drug seizures and intelligence that impacts agencies involved in highway drug interdiction throughout the continental United States. It briefly discusses the events and gives limited interpretation of their meaning. It is intended to assist planners in determining drug movement patterns on U.S. highways. This message is published weekly based on reporting received at EPIC during the previous week.

Jan 23 - The Riverside County Sheriff's Office in California seized \$500,000 in U.S. currency from two men traveling in a 1997 Nissan. A deputy searching for possible burglary suspects stopped the men and, during a search of the vehicle incident to arrest, located a Glock model 20 handgun and the currency. Some of the currency packages bore the markings of "HUERO," "SOBRONTE," "ll," "LOBO," "CHAN," "DUKE DUKE," "M," or "W."

Jan 31 - The New Jersey State Police seized 896 grams of crack cocaine on the New Jersey Turnpike southbound near Pilesgrove, Salem County. A routine check on the occupants revealed an active warrant for the driver. A subsequent search revealed the crack cocaine under the rear seat of the 1996 Lincoln Towncar. A canine was used, but did not alert. The subjects were en route to Washington, D.C., from New York. The driver was a resident of central Islip, New York, while the passenger lived in Benitsville, North Carolina. The vehicle had North Carolina plates.

Jan 31 - The New Jersey State Police seized \$106,545 in U.S. currency on the New Jersey Turnpike southbound near Lyndhurst, Bergen County. Two males, both residents of New York City, were en route to Miami from the Bronx, and traveling in a rented 1996 Pontiac with Virginia plates. A routine check revealed that the driver's license was suspended. Both subjects also gave conflicting stories. A

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consent to search was given, and a suitcase containing the currency was found in the trunk. A drug detection canine was utilized and did alert. The driver was a native of Puerto Rico, while the passenger was born in the Dominican Republic.


- Feb 02 - The New Jersey State Police seized 935 grams of crack cocaine on the New Jersey Turnpike southbound near Mansfield Township, Burlington County at 0310 hours. Three black males were traveling in a 1994 Ford Escort station wagon with Maryland plates. They were en route to Aberdeen, Maryland, from New York City. All three subjects were residents of Aberdeen. The crack was found inside a knapsack located on the floor behind the driver seat.
- Feb 02 - The Arizona Department of Public Safety seized 116 kilograms of marijuana at 0855 hours from a Mexican male traveling westbound on I-10 in Pinal County. Officers stopped the suspect, a resident of Fontana, California, for a traffic violation. He was traveling in his 1987 Chevrolet van with Arizona plates en route to Fontana from El Paso, Texas. During a consensual search with a canine, officers located the marijuana within the van's walls and doors.
- Feb 02 - The St. Louis, Missouri, Police Department seized 136 kilograms of marijuana at 2333 hours from a Latin male who was traveling eastbound on I-44 en route to New York from New Mexico. The Las Cruces, New Mexico, resident was driving his 1990 Nissan pickup with a camper shell. The 151 bundles of marijuana were found inside three cardboard boxes located in the bed of the truck.
- Feb 05 - The Nevada Highway Patrol seized 6 kilograms of methamphetamine at 2330 hours from a Latin couple traveling northbound on I-15 in Clark County. The suspects, both residents of San Jose, California, were traveling in a 1987 Ford with Iowa plates when officers stopped them for a traffic violation. The vehicle owner was not present. The officers obtained consent to search the vehicle. With the aid of a canine, the officers located the methamphetamine concealed within the vehicle's rocker panels. The packages were wrapped in duct tape, smeared with grease, and attached with string. The suspects were allegedly en

route to Muscatine, Iowa, from California.

- Feb 07 - The New Jersey State Police seized 518 grams of crack cocaine on I-78 westbound in Hunterdon County at 1658 hours. Two black males and a black female were traveling in a 1995 Chevrolet van with west Virginia plates, when stopped on a traffic violation. They were en route to Charleston, West Virginia, from Brooklyn, New York. During the stop, the trooper detected the odor of burnt marijuana. One of the subjects admitted to possessing marijuana. A search of the vehicle subsequent to arrest revealed four ziplock bags containing the crack. The bags were on the floor by the rear door of the van. The male driver was a resident of Charleston, West Virginia, while the male and female passengers were living in Brooklyn.
- Feb 09 - The Illinois State Police seized 109 kilograms of marijuana at 2345 hours from two Hispanic males traveling northbound on I-55 in McLean County near Normal. The driver from Mission, Texas, and his passenger from Edinburg, Texas, were traveling in a 1996 Chevrolet pickup with Illinois plates and the owner of the vehicle was not present. The marijuana was found inside luggage that was located in the extended portion of the cab in the pickup. A loaded Smith & Wesson 40 caliber pistol was also found inside the cab.
- Feb 09 - The Nebraska State Patrol seized 15.4 kilograms of methamphetamine at 1745 hours from two Latin males who were traveling eastbound on I-80 in Hall County near Grand Island in a 1989 Ford pickup with California plates. The owner of the vehicle was not present. The Livingston, California, residents were en route to Sioux City, Iowa, from Livingston, California, when they were stopped for a traffic violation. The officers found the methamphetamine concealed inside all four mounted tires on the pickup.
- Feb 09 - The Madison Parish, Louisiana, Sheriff's Office seized 341 kilograms of cocaine at 1904 hours near Tallulah. Two males were traveling in a 1989 Ford pickup truck with Texas plates on U.S. 65, headed north in the southbound lane about 1/4 mile north of I-20. They had been on I-20, but exited from the Interstate at Tallulah. Sheriff's deputies stopped the

vehicle on the traffic violation and ultimately received consent to search. A canine was utilized and alerted to the bed of the truck. The bed was made up of particle boards. When these were removed, a false metal floor was discovered with several openings to the compartment below, where the cocaine was found. Both subjects were residents of Northridge, California. The cocaine was destined for New York from Mexico.

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- Feb 10 - The Memphis, Tennessee, police department seized five kilograms of cocaine on I-40 eastbound at 1543 hours in Shelby County. Two males were traveling in the driver's 1988 Ford four-door with Ohio plates en route to Toledo from Houston. The driver, a black male, was a resident of Toledo while the passenger, a Latin male, lived in Houston. The five kilogram-sized packages were found in the driver's side rocker panel.
- Feb 10 - The Sevier County Sheriff's Office in Utah seized 4 kilograms of methamphetamine at 1455 hours from a white couple traveling eastbound on I-70 in Sevier County near Richfield. The Madison, Indiana, residents were driving a 1994 Ford van with Indiana plates en route to Muncie, Indiana, from Las Vegas, Nevada. The owner of the vehicle was not present. It was believed that the contraband had come from California. Officers found the four packages of methamphetamine wrapped among clothing inside a suitcase located in the cargo area of the van. \$1,057 In U.S. Currency was also seized from the driver of the vehicle.
- Feb 10 - the Interstate Criminal Enforcement Task Force in Georgia, seized approximately 682 kilograms of marijuana on I-20 eastbound in Carroll County at 2249 hours. Two white males were traveling in the driver's tractor trailer en route to New York from Tucson when stopped on a traffic violation. The driver showed the officer a handwritten manifest of wooden boxes which was supposed to carry furniture from Mexico. Also listed were three metal boxes for which no weight was listed. The delivering carrier section was blank, and the name of the shipper was illegible. Both the

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driver and passenger were very nervous, and the passenger did not possess a commercial driver's license. A canine was used to search the vehicle, and alerted to the trailer. A subsequent search revealed three metal vaults, which measured six feet in width, five feet in height, and four feet long. The vaults were secured with locking mechanisms mounted inside, making them extremely difficult to access. The vaults were in the middle of a cargo of wooden boxes carrying furniture. A locksmith was called to access the vaults. Approximately 500 pounds were found in each vault.

Feb 11 - The Florida Highway Patrol seized \$164,240 in U.S. currency on the Florida Turnpike southbound at 1200 hours. A black male was driving his 1988 Lincoln Towncar with Connecticut plates when stopped on a traffic violation in West Palm Beach, Palm Beach County. He was destined to the Miami, Florida area from his residence in Bridgeport, Connecticut. The subject refused consent to search, so a canine was used to develop probable cause. The canine alerted to the back seat area. A subsequent search revealed an electrically-controlled false compartment built behind the center armrest in the back seat.

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Feb 11 - The Ohio State Highway Patrol seized \$100,000 in U.S. currency at 1041 hours from a Latin couple who were traveling eastbound on I-80 near Toledo with their two small children en route to New Jersey from Chicago. The New Jersey residents were traveling in the driver's 1987 Cadillac Coupe DeVille with Illinois plates. The female passenger had flown with her two small children from Houston, Texas, to Chicago to meet with her husband and travel to New Jersey. The currency was found by officers, after a drug detection canine alerted on the vehicle, concealed inside two electronically controlled compartments located in the rear quarter panels.


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- Feb 11 - The Nevada Highway Patrol seized \$760,550 in U.S. currency from two Latin males traveling from Denver, Colorado, to California in a 1990 Ford van with California plates. Officers stopped the suspects on the southbound lanes of I-15 in Clark County for a traffic violation. During a consent search, officers located the currency which was wrapped in foil and masking tape within the van's walls. Both suspects, one a resident of Downey, California, and the other of Corona, New York, disclaimed the money. A canine alerted to the currency.
- Feb 11 - The California highway patrol seized 1.8 Kilograms of methamphetamine at 0644 hours from two Mexican males traveling eastbound on I-40 in San Bernardino County. The men, both residents of Mt. Pleasant, Texas, were traveling in a 1991 Ford Tempo with Texas plates registered to a third party who was not present. The officers received consent to search the vehicle and located the methamphetamine in the rear right door. The suspects were allegedly en route to Mt. Pleasant from Long Beach, California.
- Feb 11 - The California Highway Patrol seized 1.3 kilograms of methamphetamine and \$1,486 in U.S. currency at 1743 hours from three Mexican males traveling northbound on California State Route 99 in Kern County. Officers stopped the suspects for a traffic violation. They were traveling in a 1989 Chrysler LeBaron with California plates. The vehicle owner was not present. Officers noted the vehicle's right rear quarter panel vent cover was missing and requested permission to search the vehicle. A canine alerted to the quarter panel where the methamphetamine was concealed.
- Feb 11 - The Texas Department of Public Safety seized 155 kilograms of marijuana at 2340 hours from a Latin male traveling northbound on U.S. 90 in Culberson County near Van Horn. The Odessa, Texas, resident was driving a 1988 Ford Crown Victoria with Texas plates (owner not present) and was en route to Odessa from Lobo, Texas. The bundles of marijuana were alerted to by a drug canine and were found in

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the trunk wrapped in brown cellophane tape.

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Feb 11 - The Texas Department of Public Safety seized 257 kilograms of marijuana from two Latin males traveling northbound on U.S. 83 in Webb County near Laredo. The subjects were in a 1987 Ford Aerostar van with Mexican plates and were en route to Laredo from the San Ygnacio, Texas, rest area where they claimed the marijuana had been brought across the river from Mexico by boat. The subjects were notified via a two way radio that the load had arrived and they subsequently picked it up. Ten large bundles of marijuana were visible in the van. The driver is a resident of Laredo, Texas, and his passenger is an undocumented Mexican national.



Feb 12 - The Nevada Highway Patrol seized 5 kilograms of cocaine at 2345 hours from a male traveling northbound on I-15 in Clark County. The Fontana, California, resident was traveling in a 1993 Nissan Sentra (owner not present) en route to Denver, Colorado, from California. Officers stopped the suspect for a traffic violation and, during a consensual search, located the cocaine within the dashboard. The officers were able to reach the cocaine packages by removing the radio.

Feb 13 - The Texas Department of Public Safety seized approximately 189 kilograms of marijuana at 1510 hours from four Latin males traveling, in two vehicles, eastbound on U.S. 83 in Hidalgo County near McAllen. The lead vehicle, a 1987 Chevrolet van with Texas plates (owner not present) was being driven by a Mission, Texas, resident. The bundles of marijuana were visible in the van loosely covered with a blanket. The second vehicle, which was following the lead vehicle, was a 1991 Chevrolet pickup truck with Texas plates and was being driven by its registered owner, a resident of La Joya, Texas. His two passengers were from the Mission, Texas, area. The subjects were en route to Edinburg, Texas, from Mission.

Feb 13 - The Texas Department of Public Safety seized

30 kilograms of cocaine at 1225 hours from a Latin male traveling eastbound on I-10 in Gonzales County near Harwood. The San Antonio, Texas, resident was driving a 1995 Chevrolet pickup truck with Texas plates and was en route to Houston from San Antonio. The owner of the vehicle, possibly a DEA fugitive, was not present. The marijuana was found after the trooper noticed a rubber floor mat laying on top of the gas tank and that the gas tank showed signs of having been previously removed. The bundles of marijuana were inside the functioning gas tank.

Feb 13 - The Jefferson County Narcotics Task Force in Texas seized 1 kilogram of cocaine, 587 grams of crack cocaine, \$3,600 in U.S. currency, and a Remington pump shotgun at 0200 hours from two black males and a black female traveling in two separate vehicles. One male, resident of Montgomery, Texas, and the female, a Mississippi resident, were in the male's 1996 Chevrolet Impala bearing Texas buyer tags, and were traveling in tandem with a rented 1996 Chevrolet Cavalier driven by the other male resident of Houston, Texas. The subjects were en route to Jackson, Mississippi, from Houston, Texas. The cocaine, crack cocaine, and the currency were seized from the first vehicle and the shotgun was seized from the second vehicle.

Feb 13 - The Arizona Department of Public Safety seized 5 kilograms of cocaine from a male traveling eastbound on I-40. Officers stopped the suspect, a resident of Anaheim, California, for a traffic violation. The suspect was traveling in a 1989 Ford with California plates (owner present). A search of the vehicle with a canine revealed the cocaine.

Feb 13 - The Kansas Highway Patrol seized 2.3 kilograms of methamphetamine at 1800 hours from two Latin males who were traveling eastbound on I-70 in Thomas County near Colby. The subjects were en route to St. Louis, Missouri, from Sacramento, California, in a rented 1994 Dodge Intrepid with California plates. Officers found the cellophane wrapped packages of methamphetamine inside 5 one-pound ziplock bags located inside a suitcase in the trunk of the vehicle. Officers also found 10.4 kilograms of marijuana inside 23 one-pound ziplock bags of marijuana laying loose in the

trunk.

- Feb 13 - The Shelby County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office seized 9.9 kilograms of crystal methamphetamine on I-40 eastbound at 1434 hours. Two Latin females were traveling in a privately owned 1967 Ford two-door with California plates. The driver was a resident of San Bernardino, California, while the passenger lived in Fontana, California. The methamphetamine was found within a concealed compartment in the trunk of the vehicle.
- Feb 14 - The California Highway Patrol seized 9.5 kilograms of methamphetamine and \$1,000 in U.S. currency from a male traveling eastbound on I-40 in San Bernardino County. Officers stopped the suspect, who was traveling in a 1997 Jeep with Ohio plates, for a traffic violation. The owner of the vehicle was not present. The officers noted the odor of chemicals emanating from the vehicle and requested consent to search the vehicle. During the search, the officers located the methamphetamine in one-pound vacuum-sealed packages. The suspects were allegedly en route to St. Louis, Missouri, from Riverside, California.
- Feb 15 - The Arkansas State Police seized approximately 251 kilograms of marijuana on I-40 eastbound in West Memphis, Crittenden County. Two females were traveling in a rented 1994 Ford truck en route to Summit, Illinois, from San Antonio, Texas. The truck was stopped for not having license plates. After obtaining consent to search, the marijuana was found inside a dresser in the cargo area. A load of other furniture was also in the cargo area. The driver was a resident of Summit, while the passenger lived in Justice, Illinois. Both towns are in southern Cook County.

Significant seizures for inclusion in this message are defined as 5 kilograms of cocaine, 100 kilograms of marijuana, 28 grams of heroin, 500 grams of crack, 1 kilogram of methamphetamine, and \$100,000. This teletype includes all seizures reported to EPIC since the last Highway Drug Interdiction Weekly Activity Report.

Although they are not reported in this teletype, it should be noted that seizures of over 1 pound of cocaine (454 grams), 10 pounds of marijuana (4,540 grams), 1 ounce of crack, (28 grams), a gram or more of heroin, 454 grams of methamphetamine, 100 dosage units of

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LSD, 100 dosage units of dangerous drugs and \$1,000 in drug-related currency are captured in EPIC's Highway Seizure database. The significant seizure criteria was set because of the sheer number of seizures received at EPIC that could not be published via this medium, or via the EPIC Monthly Threat Brief.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 02/22/97

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THIS MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS CURRENT DRUG SEIZURES AND INTELLIGENCE THAT IMPACTS AGENCIES INVOLVED IN HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. IT BRIEFLY DISCUSSES THE EVENTS AND GIVES LIMITED INTERPRETATION OF THEIR MEANING. IT IS INTENDED TO ASSIST PLANNERS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

JAN 30 - THE REFUGIO, TEXAS, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 165 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2050 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 IN A U-HAUL TRUCK WHICH HAD BEEN RENTED IN MCALLEN, TEXAS. THE BROOKSVILLE, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO FLORIDA FROM MCALLEN. A DRUG CANINE ALERTED TO THE BOX SPRING MATTRESS IN THE CARGO AREA WHERE THE HEAT SEALED PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND. THE BOX SPRING MATTRESS, ALONG WITH ANOTHER SET OF MATTRESSES AND A LOAD OF FURNITURE, WERE IN THE CARGO AREA.

FEB 08 - THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE SEIZED 21 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE ON U.S. 65 IN MCGEHEE, DESHA COUNTY AT 0847 HOURS. A LATIN FEMALE WAS DRIVING A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1988 FORD TEMPO WITH UTAH PLATES WHEN STOPPED ON A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. SHE WAS EN ROUTE TO MACON, GEORGIA, FROM SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, AND WAS ACCOMPANIED BY HER SON, A JUVENILE. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE

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WAS NOT PRESENT. WHEN ASKED, THE DRIVER COULD NOT PRODUCE REGISTRATION PAPERS FOR THE VEHICLE, NOR DID SHE KNOW TO WHOM IT WAS REGISTERED. SHE ALSO COULD NOT TELL THE TROOPER WHOM SHE WAS TO VISIT NOR THE ADDRESS. BASED UPON THIS, THE TROOPER REQUESTED AND RECEIVED WRITTEN CONSENT TO SEARCH. THE TROOPER NOTED THAT THERE WAS LITTLE LUGGAGE WITHIN THE VEHICLE, AND A FULL GAS CAN WAS IN THE TRUNK. A CANINE WAS THEN UTILIZED, AND ALERTED TO THE REAR FLOORBOARD. A MORE THOROUGH SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE REVEALED THE METHAMPHETAMINE WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE GAS TANK. THE METHAMPHETAMINE WAS IN 43 BUNDLES, EACH WRAPPED IN WHITE PLASTIC, WITH NO MARKINGS. THE FEMALE DRIVER IS A LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT, BORN IN MEXICO. SHE ALSO HAD A VALID CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE WITH AN ADDRESS LISTED IN RIVERSIDE.

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THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 275 GRAMS OF HEROIN AND \$18,227 IN U.S. CURRENCY ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE NORTHBOUND, EAST RUTHERFORD, BERGEN COUNTY. TWO LATIN MALES WERE TRAVELING IN A 1993 HONDA WITH NEW YORK PLATES EN ROUTE TO BRONX, NEW YORK, FROM NEWARK, NEW JERSEY. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE RESIDENTS OF BRONX, BUT WERE BORN IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. THE TROOPER REQUESTED AND RECEIVED CONSENT TO SEARCH AFTER OBSERVING THE SUBJECTS' NERVOUS DEemeanOR AS WELL AS THEIR CONFLICTING STATEMENTS. WHILE SEARCHING, THE TROOPER NOTED EVIDENCE OF ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED COMPARTMENTS LOCATED NEAR THE REAR PASSENGER ARM RESTS. THE TROOPER ACTIVATED THE COMPARTMENTS (UNKNOWN SEQUENCE), AND FOUND THE CURRENCY AND 2,750 GLASSINE ENVELOPES OF HEROIN WITHIN. THE SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED

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AND THE VEHICLE WAS SEIZED.

- FEB 13 - THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1555 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN COCONINO COUNTY. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECT, A RESIDENT OF LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. HE WAS TRAVELING IN A 1989 FORD PICKUP WITH ARKANSAS PLATES EN ROUTE TO LITTLE ROCK FROM ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA. THE PICKUP'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, OFFICERS LOCATED THE METHAMPHETAMINE IN A UTILITY BOX BOLTED TO THE PICKUP'S BED.
- FEB 16 - THE MAVERICK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED 772 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2047 HOURS FROM AN ABANDONED 1984 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN, BEARING TEXAS PLATES. THE DEPUTY OBSERVED THE SUBURBAN LEAVING THE BANKS OF THE RIO GRANDE RIVER, NEAR EAGLE PASS, AND ATTEMPTED TO CONDUCT A TRAFFIC STOP FOR AN EQUIPMENT VIOLATION. SUBJECT THEN FLED ON FOOT AND SWAM BACK INTO MEXICO. AFTER AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, A TOTAL OF 44 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE REMOVED FROM THE SUBURBAN.
- FEB 17 - THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE SEIZED 199 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA ON I-40 EASTBOUND IN LONOKE COUNTY AT 2017 HOURS. FIVE ADULTS AND TWO YOUNG CHILDREN WERE TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1971 DODGE MOTOR HOME WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES, EN ROUTE TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, FROM THE LOS ANGELES AREA. THE DRIVER AND ONE MALE PASSENGER WERE THE CO-OWNERS OF THE VEHICLE. THE HIGHWAY POLICE MADE THE STOP AFTER RECEIVING SEVERAL MESSAGES FROM TRUCK DRIVERS, CONCERNED ABOUT

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THE ERRATIC DRIVING PATTERN IN WHICH THE MOTOR HOME WAS TRAVELING, WEAVING FROM ONE SIDE OF THE ROAD TO THE OTHER. ONCE STOPPED, OFFICERS NOTICED THE ODOR OF MARIJUANA WAFTING FROM THE INTERIOR OF THE MOTOR HOME. A CONSENT TO SEARCH WAS GIVEN BY THE TWO CO-OWNERS OF THE VEHICLE. A CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE INTERIOR OF THE MOTOR HOME. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND INSIDE VARIOUS COMPARTMENTS IN THE WALLS AND UNDERNEATH THE PLYWOOD BED AND BOTH OWNERS WERE ARRESTED. BOTH ARE FROM CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA. ANOTHER MALE PASSENGER WAS A LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT LIVING IN CARSON, CALIFORNIA, BORN IN MEXICO. THE TWO OTHER PASSENGERS WERE BOTH FEMALES. ONE WAS A U.S. CITIZEN LIVING IN PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA. THE OTHER WAS AN ILLEGAL ALIEN FROM MEXICO. THE TWO YOUNG CHILDREN WERE THE SONS OF THE OWNERS OF THE VEHICLE. NONE OF THE OTHER PASSENGERS, EXCEPT FOR THE ILLEGAL FEMALE, WERE ARRESTED.

FEB 17 - THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 473 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$1,737 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 0737 HOURS FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN WASHITA COUNTY NEAR FOSS. THE BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1990 DODGE VAN WITH MARYLAND PLATES AND WAS EN ROUTE TO BALTIMORE FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA. A DRUG CANINE ALERTED TO BOXES IN THE VAN WHICH CONTAINED THE MARIJUANA. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND IN A SUITCASE.

FEB 17 - THE REFUGIO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 851 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0033 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE, LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT OF THE U.S., TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 IN REFUGIO

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COUNTY NEAR WOODSBORO. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1985 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR PULLING A 1990 FONTAIN FLATBED TRAILER, BOTH WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON FROM RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS. THE SUBJECT WAS TRANSPORTING A STREET ROLLER, A BACKHOE BUCKET, AND A DUMP TRUCK BED, ON THE FLATBED TRAILER. THE DEPUTY BECAME SUSPICIOUS WHEN HE NOTICED THAT THE STREET ROLLER HAD BEEN RECENTLY PAINTED AND THE CAB HAD BEEN PREVIOUSLY REMOVED. ONE SIDE OF THE FRONT ROLLER HAD BEEN PAINTED AND FURTHER INSPECTION REVEALED AN ACCESS PANEL SECURED WITH BONDO.

[REDACTED] A CONSENT TO SEARCH RESULTED IN A DRUG CANINE ALERTING TO THE ROLLERS AND THE DISCOVERY OF 161 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA FROM WITHIN BOTH. THIS IS THE SECOND SEIZURE REPORTED TO EPIC, BY THE REFUGIO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE, INVOLVING THE CONCEALMENT OF MARIJUANA IN A STREET ROLLER ON A FLATBED TRAILER.

FEB 17 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 412 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1940 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 IN KLEBERG COUNTY IN RIVIERA. THE KYLE, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1991 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR PULLING A GREAT DANE FLATBED TRAILER, BOTH WITH TEXAS PLATES, AND WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, FROM THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY AREA IN TEXAS. THE LOAD ON THE FLATBED TRAILER CONSISTED OF STEEL BEAMS. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND IN FALSE COMPARTMENTS BUILT IN THE WALLS OF THE SLEEPER.

FEB 18 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1

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KILOGRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND 9 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1300 HOURS FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON CALIFORNIA STATE ROUTE 152 IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. OFFICERS STOPPED THE MEN, BOTH RESIDENTS OF MONTCLAIR, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1987 DODGE SHADOW WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THE OFFICERS NOTED THE ODOR OF MARIJUANA EMANATING FROM THE VEHICLE AND SUBSEQUENTLY OBTAINED CONSENT TO SEARCH. THE METHAMPHETAMINE AND MARIJUANA WERE CONCEALED IN A BOX LOCATED IN THE VEHICLE'S HATCHBACK AREA. THE SUSPECTS WERE ALLEGEDLY EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES FROM SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA.

FEB 18 - THE SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 179 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM FOUR LATIN MALES TRAVELING IN TWO SEPARATE VEHICLE. THE LOAD VEHICLE WAS A 1990 FORD EXPLOREK, WITH TEXAS PLATES (OWNER NOT PRESENT) DRIVEN BY A RIO BRAVO, TEXAS, RESIDENT. THE PASSENGER WAS A MEXICAN NATIONAL. THE CLEAR CELLOPHANE-WRAPPED PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE VEHICLE. THE SECOND VEHICLE WAS A 1996 DODGE INTREPID WITH TEXAS PLATES (OWNER NOT PRESENT) DRIVEN BY ANOTHER RIO BRAVO, TEXAS, RESIDENT. THE PASSENGER WAS A DALLAS, TEXAS, RESIDENT. ALL THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO AN UNDETERMINED LOCATION IN SAN ANTONIO.

FEB 18 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED \$500,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1450 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 IN SAN PATRICIO COUNTY NEAR SINTON. THE AUSTIN, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1991 FORD 4-DOOR WITH TEXAS PLATES (OWNER NOT PRESENT). THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND IN DUFFLE BAGS

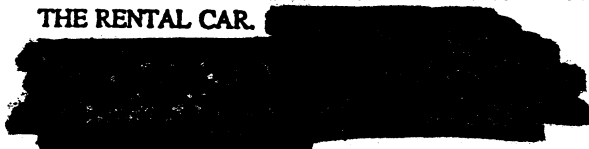
INSIDE THE TRUNK.

- FEB 19 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.6 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 2115 HOURS FROM A LATIN COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECTS WHO WERE TRAVELING TO DES MOINES, IOWA, FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1986 OLDSMOBILE 88 WITH IOWA PLATES FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE OFFICERS SEARCHED THE OLDSMOBILE AND FOUND PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE INSIDE A FIBERGLASS BOX WHICH HAD BEEN INSTALLED IN THE DASHBOARD/FIRE WALL AREA. ACCESS TO THE COMPARTMENT WAS VIA THE FRONT FENDER. THE SUSPECTS, ONE A RESIDENT OF MOINES, IOWA, AND THE OTHER OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, WERE ARRESTED.**
- FEB 19 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 222 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1500 HOURS FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN WHEELER COUNTY NEAR MCLEAN. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF ASTORIA, NEW YORK, AND HIS PASSENGER, A CUBAN NATIONAL RESIDING IN NEW YORK, NEW YORK, WERE EN ROUTE TO ASTORIA, FROM ARIZONA IN A 1989 ITASCA MOTOR HOME WITH NEW YORK PLATES REGISTERED TO THE DRIVER. LETTERS FOUND IN THE MOTOR HOME INDICATED THAT THEY MAY HAD ALSO BEEN IN EL PASO, TEXAS. THE MARIJUANA WAS CONCEALED IN BOXES WHICH WERE FOUND IN THE SHOWER STALL AND IN THE BED COMPARTMENT UNDER THE MATTRESS.**
- FEB 19 - THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 583 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN WASHITA COUNTY NEAR FOSS. THE MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1987 MAZDA PICKUP TRUCK WITH MISSISSIPPI**

PLATES AND WAS EN ROUTE TO MEMPHIS FROM ALBUQUERQUE. THE HEROIN HAD BEEN WRAPPED WITH BLACK ELECTRICAL TAPE IN 3 CYLINDRICAL-SHAPED PACKAGES AND EACH CONTAINED 5 BALLS OF HEROIN. THE 3 PACKAGES WERE INSIDE A THERMOS BOTTLE IN THE CAB. A CONTROLLED DELIVERY TO MEMPHIS RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF 2 ADDITIONAL PERSONS AND THE SEIZURE OF \$15,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY.

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FEB 19 - THE SEVIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN UTAH SEIZED NINE KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1400 HOURS ON I-70 EASTBOUND NEAR RICHFIELD FROM A WHITE MALE. THE SUBJECT, A MINNESOTA RESIDENT, WAS EN ROUTE TO MINNEAPOLIS FROM LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, IN A RENTED 1996 PONTIAC GRAND AM WITH MINNESOTA PLATES. THE METHAMPHETAMINE WAS DISCOVERED INSIDE A BAG IN THE TRUNK OF THE RENTAL CAR.



FEB 20 - THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED 123 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA ON I-55 NORTHBOUND IN MADISON COUNTY FROM A LATIN MALE AT 1420 HOURS. THE MARIJUANA WAS DISCOVERED INSIDE THE TRUNK OF A RENTED 1997 LINCOLN FOUR-DOOR WITH NEVADA PLATES FOLLOWING A DRUG DETECTION CANINE ALERT AND THE ISSUANCE OF A SEARCH WARRANT. THE DRIVER OF THE VEHICLE WAS A RESIDENT OF NEW YORK CITY.

FEB 20 - THE SEVIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN UTAH SEIZED \$100,015 IN U.S. CURRENCY ON I-70 WESTBOUND FROM TWO BLACK U.S. CITIZEN FEMALES. THE SUBJECTS, RESIDENTS OF ILLINOIS, WERE EN ROUTE TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, IN A RENTED 1996 CHEVROLET LUMINA WITH ILLINOIS PLATES.

THE MONEY WAS DISCOVERED INSIDE THE SPARE TIRE OF THE RENTAL VEHICLE. THE DEPUTY NOTED THE SIZE OF THE SPARE TIRE WAS INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE MAKE OF VEHICLE AND WHEN HE PICKED IT UP, IT WAS UNUSUALLY HEAVY.

FEB 20 - THE TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED OVER 2 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, \$5,000 USC AND APPROXIMATELY \$2,500 WORTH OF GOLD JEWELRY ON I-75 NORTH AT 1215 HOURS IN CAMPBELL COUNTY. A WHITE MALE WAS DRIVING HIS 1985 CHEVROLET CAMARO WITH GEORGIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO SOUTH CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA, FROM CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE. THE SUBJECT WAS A RESIDENT OF ROSSVILLE, GEORGIA. AFTER OBTAINING CONSENT TO SEARCH, A CANINE WAS USED, WHICH ALERTED TO THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE. A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH REVEALED THE METHAMPHETAMINE IN A HYDRAULIC JACK CASE IN THE TRUNK.

FEB 20 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 11 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A DOMINICAN MALE AND HIS WIFE, A U.S. CITIZEN, TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN JEFFERSON COUNTY NEAR HAMSHIRE. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE IN THEIR 1996 MERCEDES WITH TEXAS PLATES AND WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, FROM HOUSTON. THE COCAINE WAS FOUND IN THE FUNCTIONING GAS TANK.

FEB 22 - THE NEBRASKA STATE PATROL SEIZED 23 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE ON I-80 EASTBOUND IN LANCASTER COUNTY FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 DODGE FOUR-DOOR WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE COCAINE WAS DISCOVERED INSIDE A DUFFLE BAG IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE SUBJECTS WERE BOTH RESIDENTS OF INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES FOR INCLUSION IN THIS MESSAGE ARE DEFINED AS 5 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, 100 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA, 28 GRAMS OF HEROIN, 500 GRAMS OF CRACK, 1 KILOGRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE, AND \$100,000. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT REPORTED IN THIS TELETYPE, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT SEIZURES OF OVER 1 POUND OF COCAINE (454 GRAMS), 10 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA (4,540 GRAMS), 1 OUNCE OF CRACK, (28 GRAMS), A GRAM OR MORE OF HEROIN, 454 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF LSD, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND \$1,000 IN DRUG-RELATED CURRENCY ARE CAPTURED IN EPIC'S HIGHWAY SEIZURE DATABASE. THE SIGNIFICANT SEIZURE CRITERIA WAS SET BECAUSE OF THE SHEER NUMBER OF SEIZURES RECEIVED AT EPIC THAT COULD NOT BE PUBLISHED VIA THIS MEDIUM, OR VIA THE EPIC MONTHLY THREAT BRIEF.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 03/01/97

****PLEASE PASS TO ALL HIGHWAY INTERDICTION PERSONNEL****

THIS MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS CURRENT DRUG SEIZURES AND INTELLIGENCE THAT IMPACTS AGENCIES INVOLVED IN HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. IT BRIEFLY DISCUSSES THE EVENTS AND GIVES LIMITED INTERPRETATION OF THEIR MEANING. IT IS INTENDED TO ASSIST PLANNERS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

JAN 29 - THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$473,790 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 0309 HOURS FROM TWO WHITE MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-35 IN CLAY COUNTY NEAR LIBERTY. THE MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, DRIVER AND HIS PASSENGER FROM I'ANOVER, MINNESOTA, WERE EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON FROM MINNEAPOLIS IN A RENTED 1997 DODGE INTREPID. THE RENTER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND HIDDEN INSIDE A SPORTS BAG LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG DETECTION CANINE ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

FEB 12 - THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE SEIZED 3.8 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING IN A 1980 JEEP CHEROKEE. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECTS FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION AND, DURING A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE IN A CARDBOARD BOX LOCATED IN THE JEEP'S REAR FLOOR COMPARTMENT. OFFICERS ARRESTED THE SUSPECTS, BOTH RESIDENTS OF BROKEN ARROW, OKLAHOMA.

FEB 14 - THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 113 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1328 HOURS FROM TWO FEMALE MEXICAN NATIONALS LIVING IN TUCSON, ARIZONA, AND ONE MEXICAN MALE FROM LAS VEGAS, NEVADA. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO COLUMBUS, OHIO, FROM TUCSON IN A RENTED 1997 BUICK WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE 21 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE WRAPPED IN SARAN WRAP AND SHELF PAPER AND WERE HIDDEN UNDER BLANKETS IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE SUBJECTS HAD A TWO

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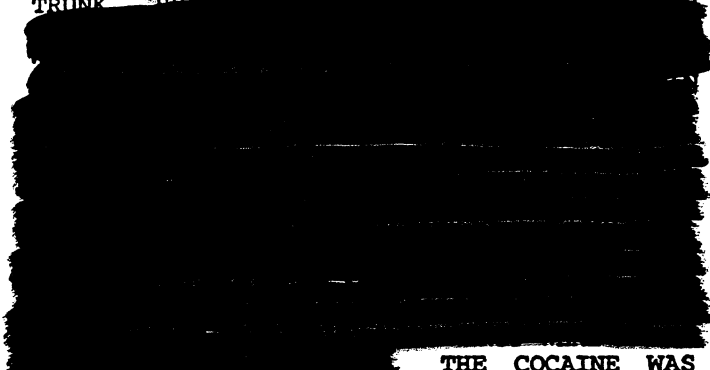
YEAR OLD CHILD IN THE CAR WITH THEM.

- FEB 17 - THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 209 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0730 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN NATIONALS IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY NEAR ODESSA. THE SAN DIEGO AND GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 EN ROUTE TO BOSTON IN A 1992 KENWORTH CONVENTIONAL TRACTOR WITH CALIFORNIA TAGS PULLING A 53 FOOT BOX TRAILER. THE BALES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND HIDDEN INSIDE CARDBOARD BOXES LOCATED UNDERNEATH CLOTHES IN THE TRAILER. A DRUG DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE TRAILER.
- FEB 17 - THE ALICE, TEXAS, POLICE DEPARTMENT, SEIZED \$248,810 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1115 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES, AND ONE LATIN FEMALE ON U.S. 281 SOUTHBOUND TRAVELING TO MCALLEN, TEXAS, FROM CHICAGO. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, THE MALE PASSENGER RESIDENT OF LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, AND THE FEMALE PASSENGER RESIDENT OF EDINBURG, TEXAS, WERE IN THE DRIVER'S PLYMOUTH VOYAGER WITH ILLINOIS PLATES. SIXTEEN BUNDLES OF CURRENCY WERE FOUND, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A DRUG CANINE, IN A HALF FULL BAG OF DOG FOOD. THE REST OF THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND HIDDEN IN THE FEMALE'S PURSE AND UNDERGARMENTS.
- FEB 18 - THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 170 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1100 HOURS FROM THREE DELAND, FLORIDA, RESIDENTS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN SHAWNEE COUNTY NEAR TOPEKA. THE TWO FEMALE SUBJECTS AND ONE MALE SUBJECT WERE EN ROUTE TO DELAND, FLORIDA, FROM TUCSON IN A RENTED 1996 TIOGA MOTORHOME WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE 14 BURLAP SACKS WHICH CONTAINED 20 BRICKS OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND BY OFFICERS IN EXISTING COMPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MOTORHOME. GREASE HAD BEEN SMEARED ON THE PACKAGES TO HELP MASK THE ODOR OF THE CONTRABAND.
- FEB 19 - THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE SEIZED 6 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND \$87,805 IN U.S. CURRENCY ON I-80 EASTBOUND IN MONROE COUNTY AT 0855 HOURS. AN UNDOCUMENTED COLOMBIAN NATIONAL WAS DRIVING A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1987 HONDA ACCORD WITH NEW YORK PLATES BACK TO NEW YORK FROM DETROIT. HE MAY HAVE BEEN RETURNING FROM MAKING A DELIVERY OF CONTRABAND TO DETROIT. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF JACKSON HEIGHTS, QUEENS, NEW YORK. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER RECEIVING

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CONSENT TO SEARCH, THE TROOPER OPENED THE TRUNK



THE COCAINE WAS WRAPPED IN MASKING TAPE, AND THERE WERE NO MARKINGS. IT WAS ESTIMATED THAT ABOUT 100 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE COULD BE FITTED INSIDE THE COMPARTMENT.

FEB 22 - THE REFUGIO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 165 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1705 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 NEAR WOODSBORO. THE SUBJECT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1994 U-HAUL VAN EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON FROM MCALLEN. A DRUG CANINE ALERTED TO THE CARDBOARD BOXES LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA CONTAINING DRIED RED CHILI PEPPERS. A TOTAL OF 16 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE REMOVED FROM SEVERAL BOXES CONTAINING THE PEPPERS. THE OWNER OF THE MARIJUANA AND A MALE ASSOCIATE, RESIDENTS OF DENTON, TEXAS, AND AGUAS CALIENTES, MEXICO, TWO LATIN FEMALES, ONE A RESIDENT OF EDINBURG, TEXAS, WHO RENTED THE U-HAUL, AND A RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, RESIDENT WERE ARRESTED A SHORT WHILE LATER AS THEY WAITED FOR THE MARIJUANA LOAD IN A RENTED 1997 GMC BLAZER AT A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT PARKING LOT IN REFUGIO COUNTY.

FEB 23 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 125 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A WHITE COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 79 IN PANOLA COUNTY NEAR CARTHAGE. THE FEMALE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF EVA, TENNESSEE, AND HER MALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF CHESNEE, SOUTH CAROLINA, WERE IN THE DRIVER'S 1994 LINCOLN TOWNCAR WITH TENNESSEE PLATES AND WERE EN ROUTE TO SOUTH CAROLINA FROM HOUSTON. THE BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND INSIDE 14 LARGE TRASH BAGS LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

- FEB 24 - THE NEBRASKA STATE PATROL SEIZED 17 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE ON I-80 EASTBOUND IN HALL COUNTY FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING WITH THEIR TWO MINOR CHILDREN (9 AND 6 YEARS OF AGE). THE SUBJECTS, FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA. THE COCAINE WAS FOUND WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT BETWEEN THE REAR PASSENGER SEAT AND TRUNK WALL IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1994 MERCURY MARQUIS WITH ILLINOIS PLATES. THE VEHICLE WAS OWNED BY A SECOND PARTY WHO WAS NOT IN THE VEHICLE. THE PACKAGES OF COCAINE WERE WRAPPED WITH CONTACT PAPER DECORATED WITH ANIMALS AND DINOSAURS. THE INNER WRAPPING WAS GREEN CELLOPHANE AND SOME OF THE PACKAGES BORE THE MARKING "GTN".
- FEB 25 - THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5.4 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0044 HOURS FROM A LATIN COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN CLARK COUNTY. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECTS WHO WERE TRAVELING IN A 1995 TOYOTA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THE MALE SUSPECT, A RESIDENT OF MORENO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, AND HIS FEMALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, CLAIMED TO BE EN ROUTE TO SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, FROM MORENO VALLEY. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TOYOTA REVEALED PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE CONCEALED IN THE SPARE TIRE. THE PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE WERE TIED TO THE TIRE'S RIM WITH A RUBBER MATERIAL SIMILAR TO AN INNER TUBE. THE SPARE TIRE SHOWED NO SIGNS OF TAMPERING AND LOOKED AS IF IT HAD NOT BEEN DISTURBED.
- FEB 25 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 162 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$2,300 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM 4 INDIVIDUALS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SUSPECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1996 DIAMOND RV WITH NEW YORK PLATES EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. OFFICERS STOPPED THE VEHICLE FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. A CANINE WAS BROUGHT TO THE SCENE AND ALERTED TO THE MOTOR HOME. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE REVEALED THE MARIJUANA CONCEALED UNDER THE BED IN THE MOTOR HOME'S BEDROOM. OFFICERS ARRESTED THE FOUR SUSPECTS, ALL RESIDENTS OF NEW YORK.
- FEB 26 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1010 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON

CALIFORNIA STATE ROUTE 99 IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY. OFFICERS STOPPED THE MEN FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THEY WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1994 CHEVROLET SILVERADO PICKUP WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE DRIVER FLED BUT WAS ARRESTED AFTER A SHORT FOOT PURSUIT. A SEARCH WITH A CANINE REVEALED THE METHAMPHETAMINE INSIDE A LARGE PLASTIC BOX LOCATED IN THE PICKUP'S BED. THE MEN, ONE A RESIDENT OF HAYWARD, CALIFORNIA, AND THE OTHER OF STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA, WERE ARRESTED.

FEB 26 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 20 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1808 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE, LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. THE MISSION, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1987 DODGE RAM, WITH TEXAS PLATES, TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 281 IN HIDALGO COUNTY EN ROUTE TO ALVIN, HOUSTON, FROM MCALLEN, TEXAS. THE COCAINE WAS FOUND IN THE QUARTER PANELS OF THE VEHICLE.

FEB 26 - THE LOWNDES COUNTY, GEORGIA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEIZED 27 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE ON I-75 NORTHBOUND AT 1508 HOURS. TWO BLACK MALES WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 DODGE CARAVAN WITH ILLINOIS PLATES EN ROUTE TO DETROIT FROM FLORIDA. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE FROM MILWAUKEE. THE VEHICLE WAS STOPPED ON A TRAFFIC VIOLATION, AND THE TWO SUBJECTS GAVE CONFLICTING STATEMENTS TO THE DEPUTIES. THE DRIVER WAS ISSUED A WARNING, WHILE A CANINE WAS UTILIZED OVER THE VEHICLE, AND ALERTED.

THERE WERE FOURTEEN KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE HIDDEN IN THE RIGHT SIDE WALL, WHILE THIRTEEN KILOGRAMS WERE FOUND IN THE LEFT SIDE WALL. EACH PACKAGE HAD THE MARKING "POSTOBON" ON THE OUTSIDE. THIS MARKING HAS NOT BEEN REPORTED PREVIOUSLY IN ANY OTHER COCAINE SEIZURE.

FEB 27 - THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE SEIZED 11 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND \$1,761 IN U.S. CURRENCY ON THE PENNSYLVANIA TURNPIKE (I-

76) EASTBOUND IN THE TOWNSHIP OF NORTH SEWICKLEY, BEAVER COUNTY, AT 1050 HOURS. TWO LATIN MALES WERE TRAVELING IN A 1977 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO WITH NEW YORK PLATES. THE VEHICLE WAS APPARENTLY WEAVING ALL OVER THE ROAD, BEFORE BEING PULLED OVER BY TROOPERS ON A TRAFFIC VIOLATION AT THE 16.1 MILEPOST MARKER. AFTER OBTAINING A WRITTEN CONSENT TO SEARCH, THE TROOPERS FOUND FOUR KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND \$1,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY UNDERNEATH THE DRIVER'S SIDE REAR SEAT. THE SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED AND THE CAR IMPOUNDED. AT THE POLICE STATION, AN INVENTORY SEARCH WAS MADE OF THE VEHICLE. A CANINE WAS ALSO USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE. INSIDE THE TRUNK WERE VARIOUS SUITCASES AND BOXES. A MICROWAVE WAS FOUND IN A SEALED ORIGINAL BOX. THE OTHER SEVEN KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE WERE FOUND WEDGED TIGHTLY INSIDE THE MICROWAVE OVEN. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF CUDAHY, CALIFORNIA, WHILE THE PASSENGER WAS FROM ANAHEIM.

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THEY WERE EN ROUTE WITH THE COCAINE TO PHILADELPHIA FROM EL PASO. APPARENTLY, THEY HAD MADE A STOP IN CHICAGO SEVERAL DAYS PRIOR TO THE TRAFFIC STOP. THE COCAINE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN CHICAGO NEWSPAPERS, THE LATEST OF WHICH WAS DATED FEBRUARY 18. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT, BUT SUBSEQUENT INTELLIGENCE INDICATED THAT HE WAS IN COLIMA, MEXICO, AT THE TIME OF THE TRAFFIC STOP. THE VEHICLE OWNER HAS A LONG HISTORY OF INVOLVEMENT IN DRUG TRAFFICKING DATING BACK TO THE EARLY 1970'S.

FEB 28 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED \$165,460 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1051 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 IN WILLACY COUNTY. THE WESLACO, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1992 FORD PICKUP TRUCK WITH TEXAS PLATES, AND WAS COMING FROM THE HOUSTON AREA. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND IN THE GAS TANK.

FEB 28 - THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 47 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND 158 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2131 HOURS FROM TWO EL SALVADORAN MALES WHO WERE STOPPED FOR A ROUTINE INSPECTION AT THE SCALES IN PEMISCOT COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES AREA RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE

TO ST. LOUIS FROM EL PASO IN A 1993 KENWORTH CONVENTIONAL TRACTOR WITH OKLAHOMA PLATES. THE DRIVER WAS THE OWNER OF THE TRACTOR. THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND HIDDEN IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED UNDER THE SLEEPER MATTRESS. THE ACCESS PLATE WAS ATTACHED WITH SCREWS LOCATED UNDERNEATH THE BED. AXLE GREASE HAD BEEN USED AS A MASKING AGENT ON THE PACKAGES OF COCAINE. TWO DRUG DETECTION CANINES ALERTED ON THE TRACTOR. A TWO FOOT MACHETE WAS FOUND WITH THE CONTRABAND.

MAR 01 - THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED 6.4 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1011 HOURS FROM A COLOMBIAN MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80 IN LASALLE COUNTY. THE ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO FROM LOS ANGELES IN A 1986 NISSAN MAXIMA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 03/08/97

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THIS MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS CURRENT DRUG SEIZURES AND INTELLIGENCE THAT IMPACTS AGENCIES INVOLVED IN HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. IT BRIEFLY DISCUSSES THE EVENTS AND GIVES LIMITED INTERPRETATION OF THEIR MEANING. IT IS INTENDED TO ASSIST PLANNERS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

FEB 11 - THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 510 GRAMS OF HEROIN AT 2010 HOURS FROM A PUERTO RICAN MALE AND A COLOMBIAN MALE HEADING SOUTHBOUND ON THE NEW JERSEY STATE TURNPIKE IN KEARNY TOWNSHIP, HUDSON COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF KEW GARDENS, NEW YORK, AND HIS PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF ELMHURST, NEW YORK, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1989 FORD WITH NEW YORK PLATES (REGISTERED OWNER NOT PRESENT) WHEN THEY WERE STOPPED FOR A MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATION. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE FROM QUEENS, NEW YORK, TO BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. A CONSENT SEARCH REVEALED THE HEROIN WITHIN A LARGE PLASTIC BAG IN THE CENTER CONSOLE OF THE VEHICLE. A SUCCESSFUL CONTROLLED DELIVERY TO BALTIMORE RESULTED IN ONE ARREST AND THE SEIZURE OF \$39,000, ONE HANDGUN, AND A SMALL AMOUNT OF ADDITIONAL HEROIN.

FEB 14 - THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED 5 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 0315 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-55 IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEAR LITCHFIELD. THE GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, MEXICO, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO ST. LOUIS FROM CHICAGO IN A 1996 FORD TAURUS RENTAL CAR WITH ILLINOIS PLATES. FOUR PACKAGES OF COCAINE WERE WRAPPED IN WOOD GRAIN TAPE AND ONE PACKAGE IN PLASTIC AND DUCT TAPE. THE SUBJECTS POSTED BOND AND FAILED TO APPEAR IN COURT.

FEB 19 - THE MINNEAPOLIS POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MINNESOTA SEIZED 644 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AT 1700

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HOURS FROM TWO BLACK MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING ON I-394 IN HENNEPIN COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF CHICAGO AND HIS PASSENGER FROM MINNEAPOLIS WERE EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION IN MINNEAPOLIS FROM CHICAGO IN A 1988 CHEVROLET THAT BELONGED TO THE PASSENGER. THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND BY OFFICERS WRAPPED IN DUCT TAPE ON THE BACK SEAT OF THE VEHICLE.

FEB 19 - THE OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 129 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1920 HOURS FROM A MESA, ARIZONA, COUPLE WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEAR DAYTON. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, FROM MESA IN A RENTED 1994 GMC TRUCK WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE 121 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND HIDDEN INSIDE A FREEZER THAT WAS AMONG USED FURNITURE LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE TRUCK. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

FEB 26 - THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1545 HOURS FROM A PORTUGUESE MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN JUAB COUNTY NEAR NEPHI. THE CASA GRANDE, ARIZONA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SALT LAKE CITY FROM ARIZONA IN A 1987 CHRYSLER WITH ARIZONA PLATES. DURING A CONSENT SEARCH OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE INSIDE PLASTIC BAGS LOCATED INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

FEB 28 - THE COLORADO HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 208 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0740 HOURS FROM A LATIN COUPLE WHO WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-25 IN PUEBLO COUNTY. THE FEMALE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO, AND HER MALE PASSENGER FROM DEXTER, NEW MEXICO, WERE EN ROUTE TO DENVER FROM EL PASO IN A 1995 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH NEW MEXICO PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE KILOGRAM-SIZE PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND BY OFFICERS UNDER A WOOL BLANKET AND INSIDE SEVERAL BAGS LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. A 1987 BUICK WITH NEW MEXICO PLATES, OCCUPIED BY THREE MEXICAN MALES RESIDENTS OF ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO, AND A RED SPORTS CAR BEING DRIVEN BY AN OLD MAN, WERE TRAVELING AS ESCORT VEHICLES WITH THE FORD THUNDERBIRD. TWO VEHICLES AND FIVE ARRESTS WERE MADE INITIALLY AND FOUR ADDITIONAL PERSONS WERE ARRESTED AT A RESIDENCE LATER.

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- MAR 02 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 23 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 2100 HOURS FROM A BLACK MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 79 IN PANOLA COUNTY. THE COLLEGE PARK, GEORGIA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1994 MERCURY WITH GEORGIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE COCAINE WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT BUILT INTO THE REAR BUMPER OF THE VEHICLE. SOME OF THE PACKAGES WERE STAMPED IN BLACK LETTERS WITH THE WORD "CORONA", AND THE REST OF THE PACKAGES WERE UNMARKED AND WERE WRAPPED IN BROWN OR YELLOW TAPE.
- MAR 04 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 124 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0640 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 83 IN ZAPATA COUNTY. THE ZAPATA, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1994 CHEVROLET ASTRO VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES (OWNER NOT PRESENT). A TOTAL OF 33 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND INSIDE THE CARGO AREA OF THE VAN UNDERNEATH A BLANKET.
- MAR 04 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 583 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL. OFFICERS STOPPED A 1984 DODGE VAN BEARING MEXICAN PLATES AND UPON APPROACHING THE VEHICLE COULD SMELL AN ODOR OF MARIJUANA EMANATING FROM THE VEHICLE. THE DRIVER CONSENTED TO A SEARCH AND WAS ARRESTED WHEN OFFICERS LOCATED 187 PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA IN THE VAN. NO OTHER INFORMATION IS CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO EPIC.
- MAR 05 - THE CARROLL COUNTY, GEORGIA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEIZED 12.7 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1600 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE ON THE EASTBOUND LANES OF I-20. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1994 FORD PICKUP WITH TEXAS PLATES (REGISTERED OWNER NOT PRESENT) EN ROUTE FROM HOUSTON TO ALLEGEDLY ATLANTA, GEORGIA. A CONSENT SEARCH REVEALED THE COCAINE WRAPPED IN ZIPLOC BAGS AND SEALED IN CLEAR PLASTIC, SUBMERGED IN THE GAS TANK OF THE VEHICLE.
- MAR 06 - THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE SEIZED 11 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1720 HOURS FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-25 IN VALENCIA COUNTY. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SALTILLO, MISSISSIPPI, RESIDENT FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. HE WAS TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 MERCURY SABLE WITH OREGON PLATES. OFFICERS ARRESTED THE SUBJECT FOR A TRAFFIC OFFENSE AND

SUBSEQUENTLY INVENTORIED THE CONTENTS OF THE VEHICLE. DURING THE INVENTORY SEARCH OFFICERS FOUND PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE INSIDE A DUFFEL BAG LOCATED IN THE TRUNK. THE SUSPECT WAS EN ROUTE TO TUPELO, MISSISSIPPI, FROM HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA.

MAR 6 - THE MICHIGAN STATE POLICE SEIZED 342 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0540 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 23 IN WASHTEENAW COUNTY NEAR WHITMORE LAKE. THE RED OAK, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A LEASED 1996 PETERBILT TRACTOR (WITHOUT A TRAILER), EN ROUTE TO ANN ARBOR, MICHIGAN, FROM MISSION, TEXAS. THE LARGE PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA (15-30 POUNDS) WERE WRAPPED IN APPROXIMATELY ONE-FOURTH INCHES OF CELLOPHANE AND SMEARED WITH MOTOR OIL. THE SMALLER PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA (5 TO 7 POUNDS) HAD BEEN COMPRESSED INTO PERFECT SHAPE AS IF A PRESS HAD BEEN USED. THESE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE AND HAD DIESEL FUEL SMEARED ON THEM. THE LETTER "E" HAD BEEN HANDWRITTEN ON SOME OF THE LARGE BUNDLES WITH A BLACK MARKER. THE PACKAGES WERE LOCATED IN AND AROUND THE INSIDE OF THE TRACTOR.

MAR 6 - THE WYOMING HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 104 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0800 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80 IN ALBANY COUNTY NEAR LARAMIE. THE TUCSON, ARIZONA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO FROM LAS VEGAS IN A RENTED 1997 FORD TAURUS WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE COMPRESSED BRICKS OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND INSIDE FIVE SUITCASES, ONE MILITARY DUFFLE BAG AND ONE MULTI COLORED SUITCASE. THE PACKAGES WERE MARKED WITH A SYMBOL THAT LOOKED LIKE THE LETTER "A" WITH A SLANTED LINE OFF THE RIGHT END OF THE LETTER THAT WAS SLANTING TO THE LEFT. THE OFFICERS ALSO NOTICED KNIFE CUTS ON THE CORNERS OF SOME OF THE PACKAGES THAT WENT ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO THE MARIJUANA. GREASE HAD BEEN USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

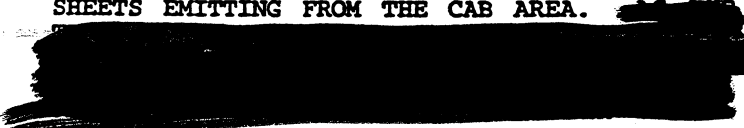
MAR 6 - THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY \$305,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1242 HOURS FROM A BLACK MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-70 IN ELLSWORTH COUNTY NEAR SALINA. THE INDIANAPOLIS RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A RENTED 1998 FORD WINDSTAR VAN WITH INDIANA PLATES EN ROUTE TO FAIRFIELD, CALIFORNIA, FROM INDIANAPOLIS. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND BY OFFICERS HIDDEN INSIDE A DUFFLE BAG LOCATED IN

THE CARGO AREA OF THE VAN. DRYER SHEETS HAD BEEN PLACED AMONG THE BUNDLES OF CURRENCY, HOWEVER, A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

MAR 07 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 13 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA, 1.3 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, AND 1.8 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS. OFFICERS STOPPED THE MEN, BOTH RESIDENTS OF ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, ON THE NORTHBOUND LANES OF I-5 IN MERCED COUNTY FOR A VEHICLE EQUIPMENT VIOLATION. THEY WERE TRAVELING IN A CALIFORNIA PLATED 1995 NISSAN MAXIMA REGISTERED TO A THIRD PARTY WHO WAS NOT PRESENT. THE OFFICERS OBTAINED CONSENT TO SEARCH THE VEHICLE AND SUBSEQUENTLY LOCATED THE DRUGS IN THE TRUNK. THE PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA AND COCAINE WERE IN PLAIN VIEW AND THE METHAMPHETAMINE WAS HIDDEN INSIDE A DETERGENT BOX. THE SUSPECTS WERE ALLEGEDLY EN ROUTE TO OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, FROM ONTARIO.

MAR 07 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$200,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A LATIN MALE RESIDENT OF THERMAL, CALIFORNIA. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECT AT 1500 HOURS ON THE EASTBOUND LANES OF I-10 IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY FOR A MECHANICAL VIOLATION. HE WAS TRAVELING IN A 1991 NISSAN SENTRA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES REGISTERED TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE THE OFFICERS LOCATED THE CURRENCY IN THE REAR SIDE PANELS. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO THE CURRENCY. THE SUSPECT WAS ALLEGEDLY EN ROUTE TO THERMAL, CALIFORNIA, FROM LOS ANGELES.

MAR 07 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 159 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1400 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-30 IN HOPKINS COUNTY NEAR SULPHUR SPRINGS. THE DALLAS, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A RENTED TRUCK WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES. HOWEVER, THE TRUCK WAS RENTED IN GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS. THE SUBJECT STATED THAT HE WAS TRANSPORTING FURNITURE TO ASHEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA. THE TROOPERS SEARCHED THE CARGO AND THE CAB AREA AND NO CONTRABAND WAS FOUND. HOWEVER, THE TROOPER NOTICED THE ODOR OF DRYER SHEETS EMITTING FROM THE CAB AREA.



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THE SUBJECT STATED THAT HE HAD PURCHASED THE MARIJUANA IN MATAMOROS, MEXICO, AND HAD USED A DIFFERENT VEHICLE.

MAR 08 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5.4 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, 892 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND 495 GRAMS OF HEROIN AT 0210 HOURS FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS. THE MEN WERE TRAVELING IN THE PASSENGER'S 1990 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE WITH WASHINGTON PLATES WHEN OFFICERS STOPPED THEM FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. A CONSENT SEARCH REVEALED THE DRUGS WITHIN THE QUARTER PANELS. THE DRUGS WERE WRAPPED IN A RUBBER MATERIAL, COVERED IN AXLE GREASE, AND SEALED WITH PLASTIC WRAP. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA NORTE, MEXICO, AND HIS PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF MT. VERNON, WASHINGTON, WERE EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON FROM LOS ANGELES.

MAR 08 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0900 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN FRESNO COUNTY. THE SUSPECTS, ONE A RESIDENT OF SHERMAN, TEXAS, AND THE OTHER OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1987 TOYOTA CELICA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO SAN FRANCISCO FROM LONG BEACH. THE OFFICERS REQUESTED AND RECEIVED CONSENT TO SEARCH THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO A LARGE SPEAKER BOX IN THE TRUNK WHERE OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE.

MAR 8 - THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 101 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A BLACK MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN SHERMAN COUNTY NEAR EDISON. THE MT. AIRY, OHIO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CINCINNATI, OHIO, FROM DENVER IN A RENTED 1996 FORD TAURUS WITH OHIO PLATES. THE 66 BRICKS OF COMPRESSED MARIJUANA WERE FOUND INSIDE THREE TRASH BAGS, ONE PILLOW CASE, AND ONE CARDBOARD BOX LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE MARIJUANA HAD BEEN SPRAYED WITH A LIQUID DETERGENT TO ACT AS A MASKING AGENT. THE SUBJECT ALSO SPRAYED COLOGNE INSIDE THE CAR WHILE THE OFFICER WAS CHECKING ON HIS DRIVER'S LICENSE.

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VEHICLE ON THE NORTHBOUND LANES OF I-15 IN CLARK COUNTY FOR ERRATIC DRIVING. THE SUSPECTS STATED THEY WERE TRAVELING FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, TO DENVER, COLORADO. THE DRIVER CONSENTED TO A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE AND OFFICERS SUBSEQUENTLY LOCATED PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE WITHIN THE TWO REAR DOORS.

MAR 06 - THE SPALDING COUNTY, GEORGIA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEIZED 30 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 2249 HOURS FROM A BLACK COUPLE HEADING NORTHBOUND ON I-75. THE HARVEY, ILLINOIS, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN THEIR 1994 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH ILLINOIS PLATES WHEN THEY WERE STOPPED FOR WEAVING AND AN OBLITERATED LICENSE TAG. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA, TO HARVEY. OFFICER'S RECEIVED CONSENT TO SEARCH

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[REDACTED] DURING AN EXTERIOR INSPECTION OF THE VEHICLE BY A CANINE, THE CANINE ALERTED TO THE TRUNK AREA.

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[REDACTED] THE COCAINE WAS WRAPPED IN BROWN PACKING TAPE AND SOME OF THE KILOGRAM PACKAGES WERE MARKED "XXO".

MAR 07 - THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 1,078 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AT 1208 HOURS FROM TWO ELMIRA, NEW YORK, RESIDENTS HEADING WESTBOUND ON I-80 IN MORRIS COUNTY. THE TWO BLACK MALES WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 FORD WITH NEW YORK PLATES EN ROUTE FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO ELMIRA. A WRITTEN CONSENT SEARCH REVEALED THE CRACK COCAINE WITHIN A BLACK BAG UNDER THE CENTER BENCH SEAT OF THE VEHICLE.

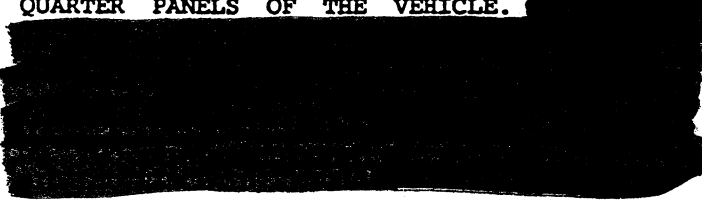
MAR 07 - THE EDISON, NEW JERSEY, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 126 GRAMS OF BLACK TAR HEROIN AT 1730 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE HEADING SOUTHBOUND ON

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U.S. 1 IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY. THE WOODBRIDGE, NEW JERSEY, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1985 OLDSMOBILE OMEGA WITH PENNSYLVANIA PLATES (REGISTERED OWNER NOT PRESENT). THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO WOODBRIDGE WHEN HE WAS STOPPED FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. A CONSENT SEARCH REVEALED THE HEROIN WITHIN A CLEAR PLASTIC BAGGIE ON THE SUBJECT IN HIS CLOTHING. 10

MAR 07 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 5 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN AT 0730 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 IN KLEBERG COUNTY NEAR RIVIERA. THE MCALLEN, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1987 MERCURY COUGAR WITH TEXAS PLATES (OWNER NOT PRESENT). THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON FROM MCALLEN WHERE FOUR OTHER MALES WERE GOING TO MEET HIM AT A MOTEL AND OBTAIN THE KEYS FROM HIM. HE WAS THEN GOING TO TAKE THE BUS BACK TO HIS RESIDENCE. THE OWNER OF THE HEROIN WAS FOUND TO BE AN ATTORNEY IN REYNOSA, TAMAULIPAS, MEXICO, WHO WAS ARRESTED AFTER BEING SUMMONED BY THE SUBJECT ON THE PRETEXT OF HAVING HAD CAR TROUBLE. THE BUNDLES OF HEROIN WERE FOUND IN THE REAR QUARTER PANELS OF THE VEHICLE.



MAR 09 - THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 13 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE ON U.S. 90 EASTBOUND IN JEFFERSON PARISH AT 2040 HOURS. THREE MALES WERE TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1989 DODGE VAN WITH LOUISIANA PLATES EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, WHEN STOPPED. A SUBSEQUENT CONSENT TO SEARCH WAS OBTAINED, AND THE TROOPERS FOUND THE COCAINE INSIDE TWO PIECES OF LUGGAGE ON THE FLOOR BEHIND THE SEATS OF THE VEHICLE.

MAR 10 - THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEIZED \$398,795 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 2145 HOURS FROM A LATIN COUPLE ON SOUTHBOUND I-95. THE MALE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF ASTORIA, NEW YORK, AND HIS FEMALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF FAIRVIEW, NEW JERSEY, WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1996 CHEVROLET CAVALIER WITH FLORIDA PLATES. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE FROM NEW YORK TO MIAMI, FLORIDA.

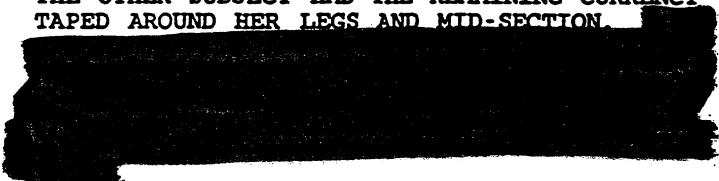
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A SEARCH REVEALED THE CURRENCY WITHIN TWO PIECES OF LUGGAGE IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE CURRENCY WAS PRIMARILY TIED WITH RUBBER BANDS IN \$10,000 BUNDLES. EACH \$10,000 BUNDLE CONSISTED OF TEN \$1,000 BUNDLES.

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MAR 10 THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED \$320,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO HISPANIC FEMALES WHO WERE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-55 IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY NEAR FARMIESVILLE. THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO EL PASO FROM CHICAGO IN A RENTED 1997 MERCURY WITH OREGON PLATES. ONE OF THE SUBJECTS WAS POSED AS AN INVALID AND HAD PART OF THE CURRENCY HIDDEN UNDERNEATH HER LEG BRACES. THE OTHER SUBJECT HAD THE REMAINING CURRENCY TAPED AROUND HER LEGS AND MID-SECTION.



MAR 11 - THE HARRISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 115 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA ON I-10 EASTBOUND AT 0245 HOURS. A WHITE MALE WAS DRIVING HIS 1988 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK ON THE FREEWAY WHEN STOPPED FOR CARRYING AN UNSAFE LOAD AT THE 46 MILE MARKER. THE SUBJECT WAS A RESIDENT OF UTOPIA, TEXAS, AND THE TRUCK WAS REGISTERED IN TEXAS. AFTER SEARCHING THE VEHICLE, DEPUTIES FOUND THE MARIJUANA HIDDEN INSIDE AN EXTERNAL FUEL TANK WHICH WAS LOCATED IN THE BED OF THE TRUCK.

MAR 11 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0235 HOURS FROM THREE LATIN MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOND ON I-5 IN SHASTA COUNTY. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECTS, ALL RESIDENTS OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THEY WERE TRAVELING IN A CALIFORNIA PLATED 1989 MERCURY SABLE REGISTERED TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENT SEARCH REVEALED PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE THROUGHOUT THE VEHICLE. THE MEN WERE ALLEGEDLY EN ROUTE TO SALEM, OREGON, FROM FRESNO.

MAR 11 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 14 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 0840 HOURS FROM A BLACK MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SUSPECT, A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, WAS TRAVELING IN A

1991 GMC VAN WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES WHEN OFFICERS STOPPED HIM FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. HE WAS ALLEGEDLY EN ROUTE TO TYLER, TEXAS, FROM LOS ANGELES. THE OFFICERS REQUESTED AND OBTAINED CONSENT TO SEARCH THE VEHICLE. THE COCAINE WAS HIDDEN IN A FALSE FLOOR COMPARTMENT WITH THE ACCESS PLATE IN THE FLOORBOARD JUST AHEAD OF THE REAR SEAT.

- MAR 11 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED \$162,940 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1300 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 281 IN HIDALGO COUNTY NEAR SAN MANUEL. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HIDALGO, TEXAS, FROM HOUSTON IN A 1993 HONDA ACCORD WITH TEXAS PLATES (OWNER NOT PRESENT).
- MAR 11 - THE NEBRASKA STATE PATROL SEIZED 164 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1034 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80 IN HAMILTON COUNTY NEAR GRAND ISLAND. THE YAKIMA, WASHINGTON, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO FROM PHOENIX IN THE DRIVER'S 1992 FORD PICKUP WITH ARIZONA PLATES. THE 31 COMPRESSED BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE CONCEALED INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN A SPACE APPROXIMATELY EIGHT INCHES TALL AND 16 INCHES DEEP LOCATED BETWEEN THE BOTTOM OF THE TOOL BOX AND THE AUXILIARY FUEL TANK. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.
- MAR 12 - THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 845 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AND 1 KILOGRAM OF COCAINE AT 1633 HOURS FROM A BLACK MALE ON NORTHBOUND I-85 IN OCONEE COUNTY. THE GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1986 NISSAN MAXIMA WITH NORTH CAROLINA PLATES (REGISTERED OWNER NOT PRESENT) EN ROUTE FROM COMMERCE, GEORGIA, TO GASTONIA. A CONSENT SEARCH, ASSISTED BY A CANINE ALERT, REVEALED THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A BLACK BACKPACK FOUND BETWEEN THE REAR SEAT AND THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE CRACK COCAINE AND THE COCAINE WERE PACKAGED IN ZIPLOC PLASTIC BAGS WRAPPED IN BROWN PACKAGING TAPE.
- MAR 12 - THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 227 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO TUCSON, ARIZONA, RESIDENTS WHO WERE STOPPED FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION ON THE EASTBOUND LANE OF I-44 IN GREENE COUNTY NEAR SPRINGFIELD. THE DRIVER AND HIS FEMALE PASSENGER WERE DRIVING A RENTED 1995 CHEVROLET CRUISER MOTORHOME WITH

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FLORIDA PLATES EN ROUTE TO CLEVELAND, OHIO, FROM TUCSON. THE BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND INSIDE EXISTING CAVITIES THROUGHOUT THE MOTORHOME.

MAR 12 - THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED \$114,860 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO BLACK MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-80 IN BUREAU COUNTY NEAR PRINCETON. THE LOS ANGELES RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE BACK TO LOS ANGELES FROM NEW YORK CITY IN A COMPANY OWNED KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES AND PULLING A 1985 UTILITY TRAILER. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND INSIDE A CARDBOARD BOX IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE TRAILER.

MAR 12 - THE OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 243 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO LATIN MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80 IN WILLIAMS COUNTY. THE TEXAS RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN, FROM MCALLEN, TEXAS IN THE DRIVER'S 1984 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR WITH TEXAS PLATES PULLING A REFRIGERATED TRAILER LOADED WITH 820 CARTONS OF CABBAGES, PARSLEY, AND CELERY. THE BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED BEHIND THE SLEEPER OF THE CAB THAT MEASURED 8 FEET WIDE, 5 FEET TALL, AND APPROXIMATELY 15 INCHES DEEP. ACCESS TO THE COMPARTMENT WAS GAINED THROUGH THE ROOF OF THE CAB. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE TRACTOR.

MAR 13 - THE FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 220 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1000 HOURS FROM TWO CUBAN MALES HEADING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN SANTA ROSA COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA, AND HIS PASSENGER (AND RELATIVE), A RESIDENT OF FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1987 PETERBILT TOWING A 1978 DORSEY FLATBED TRAILER WHEN OFFICERS MADE CONTACT WITH THEM AT A REST AREA. THE TRACTOR BORE NO LICENSE PLATES AND THE TRAILER BORE A TEXAS REGISTRATION HANDWRITTEN ON A PIECE OF CARDBOARD. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM EL PASO, TEXAS. THE TRAILER WAS HAULING A PALLET OF PLYWOOD AND A DILAPIDATED LIFT TRUCK. THE DRIVER CONSENTED TO AN INSPECTION OF THE LOAD ON HIS VEHICLE AND A CANINE ALERTED DURING AN EXTERIOR INSPECTION OF THE VEHICLE. FURTHER INSPECTION REVEALED THE LOAD OF PLYWOOD HAD BEEN HOLLOWED OUT, CREATING A CHAMBER WHICH CONTAINED 142 BUNDLES OF

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MARIJUANA. THE TOP NINE SHEETS AND THE BOTTOM SIX SHEETS HAD BEEN LEFT INTACT. THE REMAINDER OF THE PLYWOOD SHEETS HAD BEEN CUT OUT LEAVING THE ENDS AND SIDES OF THE SHEETS INTACT. ALL OF THE BUNDLES WERE FIRST WRAPPED IN CLEAR CELLOPHANE. SOME OF THE BUNDLES WERE THEN WRAPPED IN ADDITIONAL LAYERS OF CLEAR CELLOPHANE AND BAKING SODA. OTHER BUNDLES WERE WRAPPED IN GRAY DUCT TAPE AND BAKING SODA AND OTHERS WERE WRAPPED WITH BROWN PACKING TAPE AND BAKING SODA.

MAR 13 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0310 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN COLUSA COUNTY. THE EAST PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MAXWELL, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1987 BUICK REGAL WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES WHICH WAS REGISTERED TO A THIRD PARTY WHO WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENT SEARCH REVEALED THE METHAMPHETAMINE INSIDE THE HEATER VENT LOCATED IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT.

MAR 13 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 138 GRAMS OF HEROIN AND 1 KILOGRAM OF COCAINE AT 0740 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES TRAVELING IN A 1984 CHRYSLER NEW YORKER WITH WASHINGTON PLATES. OFFICERS STOPPED THE MEN ON THE NORTHBOUND LANES OF I-5 IN COLUSA COUNTY FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT AND OFFICERS NOTED SEVERAL DRUG TRAFFICKING INDICATORS. THE OFFICERS OBTAINED CONSENT TO SEARCH THE VEHICLE AND LOCATED THE DRUGS UNDER THE DASHBOARD INSIDE THE FAN BOX AREA. BOTH MEN WERE RESIDENTS OF VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA, AND CLAIMED TO BE EN ROUTE TO PORTLAND, OREGON.

MAR 13 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 1,135 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$1,200 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1745 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-20 IN PARKER COUNTY NEAR WEATHERFORD. A LICENSE AND WEIGHT TROOPER WAS CONDUCTING ROUTINE COMMERCIAL VEHICLE INSPECTION WHEN A 1990 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR AND 1985 HOBBS REFRIGERATED TRAILER, BOTH WITH TEXAS PLATES, WAS STOPPED. THE TROOPER BECAME SUSPICIOUS OF THE DRIVER'S PAPERWORK. THE OWNER-OPERATOR, A RESIDENT OF SAN ELIZARIO, TEXAS, WAS EN ROUTE TO BRONX, NEW YORK, FROM EL PASO, TEXAS, WITH A COVER LOAD OF ASSORTED PRODUCE. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED ON THE TRAILER,

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OFFICERS FOUND THE BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED INSIDE A 4 FOOT DEEP FALSE WALL LOCATED AT THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER.

MAR 14 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0725 HOURS FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN GLENN COUNTY. OFFICERS STOPPED THE TOPPENISH, WASHINGTON, RESIDENT FOR TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS. HE WAS DRIVING HIS 1993 CHEVROLET LUMINA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO YAKIMA, WASHINGTON, FROM OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA. A CONSENT SEARCH REVEALED THE METHAMPHETAMINE CONCEALED IN THE SPARE TIRE COMPARTMENT OF THE VEHICLE.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 03/22/97

****PLEASE PASS TO ALL HIGHWAY INTERDICTION PERSONNEL****

THIS MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS CURRENT DRUG SEIZURES AND INTELLIGENCE THAT IMPACTS AGENCIES INVOLVED IN HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. IT BRIEFLY DISCUSSES THE EVENTS AND GIVES LIMITED INTERPRETATION OF THEIR MEANING. IT IS INTENDED TO ASSIST PLANNERS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

MAR 14 - THE KANSAS CITY INTERDICTION TASK FORCE IN MISSOURI SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1453 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-29 IN PLATTE COUNTY NEAR PLATTE CITY. THE URUAPAN, MICHOACAN, MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI, IN A 1985 CHEVROLET CORVETTE WITH KANSAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE METHAMPHETAMINE WAS FOUND UNDER THE REAR CONSOLE OF THE VEHICLE. DURING A SUBSEQUENT CONSENT SEARCH, AT THE RESIDENCE WHERE THE SUBJECT WAS STAYING, OFFICERS SEIZED ANOTHER 1.3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE.

MAR 16 - THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 6 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE ON I-20 EASTBOUND IN OJACHITA PARISH AT 0830 HOURS. A BLACK COUPLE WAS TRAVELING IN A RENTED RECREATIONAL VEHICLE. THE DRIVER PULLED OVER TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD WHEN HE SAW A STATE POLICE MARKED UNIT. THE TROOPER THEN DROVE OVER TO THE VEHICLE, AND APPROACHED THE FEMALE, WHO HAD EXITED FROM THE DRIVER'S SIDE. THE TROOPER OFFERED ASSISTANCE, AND ASKED TO KNOW WHY THEY HAD PULLED OVER TO THE SIDE THE ROAD. THE FEMALE STATED THAT SHE DID NOT KNOW. SHE, AND HER HUSBAND WERE EXTREMELY NERVOUS. ULTIMATELY, THE TROOPER RECEIVED CONSENT TO SEARCH. A CANINE WAS USED IN THE MOTORHOME, BUT DID NOT ALERT [REDACTED]

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THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN EITHER RED OR GREEN PLASTIC AND SEALED WITH GREY DUCT TAPE. MUSTARD WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT INSIDE ALL OF THE PACKAGES. TROOPERS BELIEVED THAT USE OF THE MUSTARD IS WHAT AFFECTED THE CANINE AND WHY HE FAILED TO ALERT TO THE COCAINE. THE TWO WERE EN ROUTE POSSIBLY TO FLORIDA FROM HOUSTON, WHERE BOTH RESIDED.

MAR 16 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 178 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1603 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON TEXAS HIGHWAY 107 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1990 HYUNDAI WITH TEXAS PLATES (OWNER NOT PRESENT), AND WAS EN ROUTE TO DONNA, TEXAS, FROM SULLIVAN CITY, TEXAS.

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MAR 17 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 152 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$1,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 2020 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 IN KLEBERG COUNTY WHO WAS STOPPED AT THE RIVIERA WEIGH STATION. THE CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1989 PETERBILT TRACTOR (SOUTH CAROLINA PLATES) HAULING AN EMPTY 1987 LUFKIN TRAILER WITH TENNESSEE PLATES (OWNER NOT PRESENT). THE CELLOPHANE WRAPPED PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND IN SIX DUFFLE BAGS LOCATED IN THE SLEEPER. ONE BUNDLE HAD THE NAME "RAMY" ON IT. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND IN A FAKE CAN OF COLGATE SHAVING CREAM AND IN THE SUBJECT'S WALLET. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION FROM EDINBURG, TEXAS.

MAR 18 - THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 4.1 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1750 HOURS FROM A VEHICLE THAT HAD BEEN STOPPED BY OFFICERS ON I-70 IN THOMAS COUNTY NEAR COLBY. THE SOLE OCCUPANT OF THE RENTED 1990 TOYOTA TRUCK FLED THE SCENE WITH THE CONTRABAND. OFFICERS RECOVERED THE METHAMPHETAMINE BUT FAILED TO APPREHEND THE SUBJECT.

MAR 18 - THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 991 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2015 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44

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IN GREENE COUNTY NEAR SPRINGFIELD. THE COCOA, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CINCINNATI, OHIO, FROM ODESSA, TEXAS, IN HIS NEWLY PURCHASED 1989 FREIGHTHAULER TRACTOR WITH TEMPORARY FLORIDA PLATES, PULLING A REFRIGERATED TRAILER. THE 61 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC, SEALED WITH DUCT TAPE, AND PLACED INSIDE CARDBOARD BOXES THAT WERE LOCATED UNDER MOULDY BALES OF HAY THAT WERE IN THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE TRAILER.

MAR 19 - THE CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 149 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2049 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE, BELIEVED TO BE AN ILLEGAL ALIEN, TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON FM 3248 IN A 1991 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS WITH TEXAS PLATES (OWNER NOT PRESENT). THE SUBJECT STATED THAT HE WAS A RESIDENT OF MATAMOROS, MEXICO. THE CLEAR CELLOPHANE, GRAY DUCT TAPE, AND BROWN PACKAGING TAPED BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND IN THE TRUNK.

MAR 19 - THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MISSOURI SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 114 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1840 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44 IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY NEAR EUREKA. THE CLEVELAND, OHIO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CLEVELAND FROM TUCSON IN A RENTED 1997 LINCOLN TOWNCAR WITH COLORADO PLATES. THE 22 BALES OF MARIJUANA WERE WRAPPED IN GREY AND WHITE CONTACT PAPER. OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED ON THE TRUNK. A 1990 SUBARU WITH ARIZONA PLATES WAS TRAVELING AS AN ESCORT VEHICLE. THE VEHICLE WAS BEING DRIVEN BY A YUGOSLAVIAN MALE SHOWING AN ADDRESS IN PARMA, OHIO. HIS PASSENGER WAS A MALE RESIDENT OF TUCSON, ARIZONA. THE THREE SUBJECTS, WHO WERE WEARING BUSINESS SUITS, WERE ALL ARRESTED.

MAR 20 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 638 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AT 1841 HOURS FROM A BLACK MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 59 IN POLK COUNTY. THE SUBJECT, A SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WAS DRIVING A RENTED 1997 FORD TAURUS EN ROUTE TO RUSK, TEXAS, FROM HOUSTON. THE SUBJECT PRESENTED AN EXPIRED CALIFORNIA DRIVER'S LICENSE AND STATED THAT TWO OTHER SUBJECTS, WHO WERE NOT AT THE SCENE, RENTED THE VEHICLE FOR HIM. TWO BUNDLES OF CRACK, CONTAINING 10 "COOKIES" EACH, WERE

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FOUND IN THE SPARE TIRE WELL

- MAR 20 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0055 HOURS FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN MERCED COUNTY. OFFICERS STOPPED THE AZUSA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. HE WAS TRAVELING IN A 1988 MAZDA 323 WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO SACRAMENTO FROM LOS ANGELES. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENT SEARCH, OFFICERS LOCATED THE METHAMPHETAMINE IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE TRUNK. ACCESS TO THE COMPARTMENT WAS VIA A TRAP DOOR LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE TRUNK.
- MAR 20 - THE KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 381 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$2,244 U.S. CURRENCY ON I-75 NORTHBOUND IN LAUREL COUNTY NEAR LONDON, AT 2150 HOURS. A TRACTOR TRAILER WAS STOPPED AT THE LICENSE AND WEIGHT STATION FOR A ROUTINE INSPECTION. WHEN INSPECTORS OPENED THE DOORS TO THE TRAILER, WHICH HAD BEEN SECURED WITH AN EXPENSIVE PADLOCK, THEY FOUND ONLY FOUR DUFFLE BAGS. APPROXIMATELY 284 KILOGRAMS WERE FOUND IN THE TRAILER, WHICH WERE DESTINED FOR MASSACHUSETTS, POSSIBLY TO THE TOWN OF SPRINGFIELD. A SEARCH OF THE TRACTOR YIELDED 96.7 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA WITHIN TWO NYLON BAGS LOCATED IN THE SLEEPER BERTH, IN PLAIN VIEW. THE MARIJUANA FOUND IN THE TRACTOR WAS DESTINED FOR CLEVELAND, OHIO. ALL OF THE MARIJUANA HAD BEEN PICKED UP IN HOUSTON. THE TRACTOR-TRAILER WAS OWNED BY THE DRIVER, A JAMACIAN MALE WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA. THE PASSENGER WAS A JAMACIAN MALE WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA. BOTH SUBJECTS ARE LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES. THE MARIJUANA, CURRENCY, TRACTOR, AND TRAILER WERE SEIZED, AND BOTH SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.
- MAR 20 - THE BROWARD COUNTY NARCOTICS TASK FORCE IN SOUTH FLORIDA SEIZED 118 GRAMS OF SUSPECTED COLOMBIAN HEROIN AT 2230 HOURS FROM A HISPANIC MALE ON SOUTHBOUND I-95 NEAR THE HALLENDALE, FLORIDA, INTERCHANGE. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, WAS TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 MITSUBISHI GALANT WITH FLORIDA PLATES (RENTER NOT PRESENT). THE SUBJECT WAS RETURNING TO MIAMI FROM HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH, ASSISTED BY A CANINE,

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REVEALED THE HEROIN WITHIN A PLASTIC ZIPLOC BAG ROLLED UP IN A PLASTIC STORE BAG. THE PACKAGE WAS LOCATED ON THE REAR PASSENGER SIDE FLOORBOARD UNDER THE PASSENGER SEAT OF THE VEHICLE.

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Highway Drug Interdiction Weekly Activity Report
Week Ending 03/29/97

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This message highlights current drug seizures and intelligence that impacts agencies involved in highway drug interdiction throughout the continental United States. It briefly discusses the events and gives limited interpretation of their meaning. It is intended to assist planners in determining drug movement patterns on U.S. highways. This message is published weekly based on reporting received at EPIC during the previous week.

On March 9, the Central Oklahoma Metro Interdiction Team in Oklahoma City seized \$145,542 in U. S. Currency from a hispanic male traveling southbound just before entering I-35. The Cicero, Illinois, resident was driving a 1992 Jeep Cherokee with Illinois plates (owner not present.) The subject stated he was en route to El Paso, Texas, where he had resided recently, from Cicero, Illinois.

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[REDACTED] The 19 bundles of marijuana were concealed inside a false compartment located in the side door panel on the drivers' side.

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[REDACTED] A drug-detection canine was used and alerted on the vehicle.

On March 10, the Arkansas State Police seized 113.5 kilograms of marijuana from a black male who was traveling eastbound on I-40 in Lonoke County. The Memphis, Tennessee, resident was stopped for following a tractor trailer too closely. The subject was driving a rented 1997 Mercury Sable with Tennessee plates en route to Memphis from an unknown origin. The driver was a resident of Memphis. The renter of the vehicle was not present and no one else was authorized to drive the vehicle which had been due back at the rental agency by March 5. The driver also originally claimed that the Mercury Sable was owned by his aunt and that there were no registration papers. Finally, the trooper noticed that the vehicle was extremely dusty and thought it odd since it had rained in the area the previous day. The trooper received consent to search and a canine was utilized. The canine alerted to the left rear area of the vehicle. A subsequent search revealed the marijuana in

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the trunk.

On March 15, the El Paso, Texas, Police Department seized approximately 136 kilograms of marijuana from two white males traveling eastbound on the access road of I-10 in El Paso County. The El Paso residents were in a 1997 GMC truck and were en route to Chicago from El Paso. The marijuana was found in a large cardboard box in the cargo area.

On March 18, the Ontario Police Department in California, assisting the Drug Enforcement Administration, seized 10 kilograms of methamphetamine. Officers stopped two latin males who were traveling in the driver's 1989 Ford dually pickup with California plates for a traffic violation. Officers arrested the two suspects, both residents of Chino, California, after they located packages of methamphetamine in a bag in the truck's cab and in a filing cabinet located in the bed.

On March 19, the Colorado Highway Patrol seized 5 kilograms of methamphetamine from a white male who was traveling eastbound on Colorado State Highway 160 in Archuleta County near Pagosa Springs. The Council Bluffs, Iowa, resident was driving a rented 1997 Plymouth Voyager van with Nebraska plates en route to Council Bluffs from Los Angeles. Dur a consent search officers found the methamphetamine concealed inside the right rear quarter panel of the vehicle. The methamphetamine was in powder form and was wrapped in cellophane and sealed with duct tape. A drug-detection canine was used and alerted on the vehicle.

On March 19, the Nevada Highway Patrol seized 1.8 kilograms of methamphetamine at 1105 hours from two latin males and a latin female traveling eastbound on I-80 in Pershing County. Officers stopped the suspects for a traffic violation. They were traveling in a California-plated 1990 Chevrolet registered to an individual who was not present. During a search of the vehicle, the officers located methamphetamine packages secured inside two of the doors. The packages were smeared with soy sauce and vegetable oil. The suspects were allegedly en route to Caldwell, Idaho, from San Jose, California.

On March 20, the Texas Department of Public Safety seized 5 kilograms of cocaine from a latin female traveling northbound on U.S. 59 in Polk County near Corrigan. The Nashville, Tennessee, resident was driving a rented 1995 truck with Tennessee plates towing a 1986 Buick Regal also with Tennessee plates and was en route back to Tennessee from Houston. The cocaine was found in a false compartment inside the Buick's gas tank.

On March 20, the Nevada Highway Patrol seized 2.4 kilograms

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of methamphetamine from two latin males traveling in the driver's 1984 Lincoln with California plates. Officers stopped the suspects, both residents of California, on the northbound lanes of I-15 in Clark County for a traffic violation. A search of the vehicle produced the methamphetamine which was concealed in the dashboard.

On March 20, the California Highway Patrol seized \$350,100 in U.S. currency from two males traveling westbound on I-40 in San Bernardino County. Officers stopped the suspects, one a resident of Compton and the other of Los Angeles, California, for a traffic violation. They were traveling in a 1989 Mazda van with Ohio plates. The owner of the vehicle was not present. Officers requested and received consent to search the vehicle. With the aid of a canine, the officers located the currency in false compartments built into the rear seats. The suspects were allegedly en route to Los Angeles from Cleveland, Ohio.

On March 21, the California Highway Patrol seized 1 kilogram of methamphetamine at 1830 hours from a hispanic couple traveling northbound on I-5 in Merced County. The suspects were traveling in a 1986 Ford Crown Victoria with California plates en route to San Francisco from Los Angeles. The owner of the vehicle was not present. Officers obtained consent to search the vehicle and subsequently located the methamphetamine inside a bag in the trunk. The suspects were traveling with a three-year-old female child.

On March 21, the Gwinnett County, Georgia, Sheriff's Office seized \$489,850 in U.S. currency at 1455 hours from two Colombian males in Duluth, Georgia. The driver, a resident of Miami, Florida, and his passenger, a resident of Colombia, were traveling in a rented 1998 Buick Skylark with Virginia plates. (The renter was present.) The subjects were en route from New York, New York, to Atlanta, Georgia. A written consent search revealed the bundles of currency within a black duffle bag in the trunk of the vehicle.

On March 22, the Charleston County, South Carolina, Sheriff's Office seized 10 kilograms of cocaine at 0200 hours from a black couple heading northbound on U.S. 17. The driver, a resident of Charleston, South Carolina, and his female passenger, a resident of North Charleston, South Carolina, were traveling in a 1991 Toyota 4-Runner with South Carolina plates. The subjects were en route from Florida to Charleston. A search revealed the packages of cocaine within the rear door panels of the vehicle. The ten packages were wrapped in cellophane secured with tape.

On March 23, the Texas Department of Public Safety seized 499 kilograms of marijuana at 0929 hours from a black male traveling northbound on U.S. 59 in Victoria County. The Statesboro, Georgia, resident was driving a 1993 Kenworth

Tractor with Georgia plates (no trailer), en route to Houston from McAllen, Texas. A total of 19 pieces of luggage, filled with bundles of marijuana, were found in the sleeper.

On March 23, the El Paso, Texas, Police Department seized 383 kilograms of marijuana at 1720 hours from two latin males traveling eastbound on the 8500 block of Gateway East presumably to access I-10. The subjects, residents of Arlington, Texas, were in a 1995 Chevrolet Blazer pulling a homemade flatbed trailer loaded with boxes and tire rims. A tarp covered the load. The subjects were en route to Dallas and to Charlotte, North Carolina, from El Paso. The marijuana was found in the boxes.

On March 23, the Texas Department of Public Safety seized approximately 9 kilograms of cocaine from two black males traveling eastbound on I-40 in Potter County. The driver, a resident of Los Angeles, California, and his passenger, a resident of Scottsdale, Arizona, were in a rented 1997 Ford 4-door and were possibly en route to Oklahoma. The vehicle had been rented in Phoenix. The marijuana was found inside the trunk, in the left panel, and the wheel well of the vehicle.

On March 24, the Hancock County, Mississippi, Sheriff's Office seized 27 kilograms of cocaine on I-10 eastbound at 0510 hours. A black male was driving a 1987 Mitsubishi Sport pickup with a camper shell en route to New York from Houston. The vehicle was displaying temporary New York tags. After receiving consent to search, the deputy noticed duct tape, latex gloves, and axle grease in the bed of the truck. A canine was used and alerted to the vehicle. The packages of cocaine were found inside luggage in the bed. The packages were wrapped in garbage bags and duct tape and smeared with axle grease.

On March 24, the Delaware State Police seized 5 kilograms of cocaine at 1400 hours from a Dominican male traveling northbound on I-95 in New Castle county. The New York, New York, resident, who claimed to be a police officer from the Dominican Republic, was traveling with his 11-year old son in a 1995 Ford Taurus station wagon with Massachusetts plates and the registered owner was not present. The subject was en route from Miami, Florida, to Yonkers, New York. A written consent search revealed the cocaine within a false compartment behind the rear seat of the vehicle. The packages were wrapped in clear plastic, then cardboard, and a layer of red fluid. The packages were secured with gray duct tape.

On March 24, the Lowndes County, Georgia, Sheriff's Office seized 5 kilograms of cocaine at 2146 hours from residents of Jackson, Tennessee, on northbound I-95. The two black

males were traveling in a rented 1997 Ford Thunderbird. The renter was not present and there were no additional drivers authorized on the rental agreement. The subjects were en route from Miami, Florida, to Jackson. A search revealed the cocaine behind the rear speakers of the vehicle. The speakers were located in the side walls of the rear seat area. The 3 kilogram-sized packages were located behind the speaker on the driver's side and 2 kilogram-sized packages were located behind the speaker on the passengers' side. The packages were wrapped in black electrical tape.

On March 25, the Virginia State Police seized 112 grams of heroin and \$1,585 in U.S. currency from two black males and a black female traveling southbound on I-95 in Henrico County. The subjects, all residents of Portsmouth, Virginia, were traveling in a Ford Taurus station wagon with Virginia plates and the owner was not present. The subjects were en route from New York, New York, to Portsmouth. A search revealed the heroin wrapped in a plastic bag within two condoms. The package was found wedged between the rear seat and the seat back. The package was partially covered by a pillow and a coat. Subsequent investigation led to a search warrant and the seizure of an additional 113 grams of heroin in Norfolk, Virginia.

On March 25, the Maverick County Sheriff's Office in Texas seized approximately 179 kilograms of marijuana at 1151 hours from two latin males traveling southbound on U.S. 277 in Eagle Pass. The Waco, Texas, residents were in a 1981 Chevrolet flatbed truck with Texas plates (owner not present). A drug-detection canine alerted to the marijuana which was located in a large metal compartment on the flatbed trailer. A subsequent search of the defendants' residence resulted in the seizure of approximately 29 additional kilograms of marijuana.

On March 26, the Dallas, Texas, Police Department seized approximately 2 kilograms of methamphetamine at 2115 hours from two latin males traveling on Lombardi Street in Dallas. The Dallas, Texas, residents were in a 1993 Chevrolet pickup truck with a Texas buyer's tag. The methamphetamine was found inside a department store bag in the bed of the pickup. A subsequent search of their residence resulted in the seizure of \$23,690 in U.S. Currency.

On March 26, the California Highway Patrol seized 431 kilograms of marijuana at 0500 hours from a 1991 Ford Aerostar van with Arizona plates. The vehicle had a flat tire and had been left abandoned. Officers inspected the van and noticed 165 packages of marijuana in plain view on the rear floor area.

On March 26, the California Highway Patrol seized 7 kilograms of cocaine at 2040 hours from a couple traveling

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Significant seizures for inclusion in this message are defined as 5 kilograms of cocaine, 100 kilograms of marijuana, 28 grams of heroin, 500 grams of crack, 1 kilogram of methamphetamine, and \$100,000. This teletype includes all seizures reported to EPIC since the last Highway Drug Interdiction Weekly Activity Report.

Although they are not reported in this teletype, it should be noted that seizures of over 1 pound of cocaine (454 grams), 10 pounds of marijuana (4,540 grams), 1 ounce of crack, (28 grams), a gram or more of heroin, 454 grams of methamphetamine, 100 dosage units of LSD, 100 dosage units of dangerous drugs and \$1,000 in drug-related currency are captured in EPIC's Highway Seizure database. The significant seizure criteria was set because of the sheer number of seizures received at EPIC that could not be published via this medium, or via the EPIC Monthly Threat Brief.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 04/05/97

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THIS MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS CURRENT DRUG SEIZURES AND INTELLIGENCE THAT IMPACTS AGENCIES INVOLVED IN HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. IT BRIEFLY DISCUSSES THE EVENTS AND GIVES LIMITED INTERPRETATION OF THEIR MEANING. IT IS INTENDED TO ASSIST PLANNERS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

- MAR 09 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 118 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0810 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE AND THREE LATIN FEMALE RESIDENTS OF BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 IN NUECES COUNTY NEAR ROBSTOWN IN A 1990 CHEVROLET CAPRICE STATION WAGON WITH TEXAS PLATES (OWNER NOT PRESENT) EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, ALLGLEDLY FROM MEXICO. A TOTAL OF 64 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND IN A REAR COMPARTMENT OF THE VEHICLE.
- MAR 18 - THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 28 GRAMS OF HEROIN AT 1217 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK MALES ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE, SOUTHBOUND, IN NEWARK, ESSEX COUNTY. THE RESIDENTS OF CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1996 NISSAN 200SX WITH PENNSYLVANIA PLATES. AFTER STOPPING AND INTERVIEWING THE SUBJECTS, THE PASSENGER WAS SEEN THROWING SOMETHING INTO THE AREA NEAR THE DRIVER'S SEAT. A SEARCH REVEALED A BROWN PAPER BAG AND A PLASTIC BAG. THE PAPER BAG CONTAINED 113 GRAMS OF COCAINE AND THE PLASTIC BAG CONTAINED THE HEROIN. BOTH BAGS WERE LOCATED ON THE FLOOR NEXT TO THE DRIVER'S SEAT. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO CAMDEN.
- MAR 26 - THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE SEIZED 218 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA ON I-40 EASTBOUND IN LONOKE COUNTY AT ABOUT 1205 HOURS. A WHITE MALE WAS DRIVING A 1990 FORD F-250 TRUCK WITH KANSAS PLATES, TOWING A 20-FOOT BOAT. THE DRIVER WAS NERVOUS, AND STATED THAT HE DID NOT OWN THE TRUCK OR BOAT, BUT WAS ALLEGEDLY BEING PAID TO

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TRANSPORT BOTH VEHICLES TO FLORIDA SO THAT THE OWNER COULD DO SOME DEEP SEA FISHING. HOWEVER, TROOPERS NOTICED THAT THE BOAT WAS NOT IN GOOD SHAPE, AND THE PROPELLER IN PARTICULAR WAS DAMAGED. A CONSENT TO SEARCH WAS REQUESTED, BUT THE DRIVER REFUSED. A CANINE WAS THEN USED, AND ALERTED TO THE FORWARD CABIN AREA. A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF THE BOAT YIELDED THE MARIJUANA IN CLOSED COMPARTMENTS UNDER THE FLOOR. THE MARIJUANA WAS IN 94 COMPRESSED BUNDLES. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO FLORIDA FROM WICHITA, KANSAS.

MAR 28 - THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 197 GRAMS OF HEROIN AT 2115 HOURS FROM THREE SUDANESE MALES ON NORTHEBOUND I-95 IN HAMPTON COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, AND HIS TWO PASSENGERS FROM BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1992 MERCEDES 300 WITH TEMPORARY DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PLATES WHEN THEY WERE STOPPED FOR SPEEDING (109/65). THE SUBJECTS WERE BELIEVED TO BE, EN ROUTE FROM FLORIDA TO EITHER WASHINGTON, D.C., OR NEW YORK, NEW YORK. A CONSENT SEARCH REVEALED A PACKAGE WRAPPED IN NEWSPAPER NEAR A WHEEL WELL IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. INSIDE THE PACKAGE WAS A PLASTIC BAG CONTAINING AN UNKNOWN, FOUL SMELLING, BROWN, MULCH-LIKE SUBSTANCE. THE HEROIN WAS PACKAGED IN A SECOND PLASTIC BAG FOUND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE UNIDENTIFIED MASKING AGENT.

MAR 29 - OFFICERS OF THE NEW MEXICO MOTOR TRANSPORTATION DIVISION, MANNING THE LICENSE & WEIGHT SCALES ON THE EASTBOUND LANES OF I-40 IN MCKINLEY COUNTY, SEIZED 217 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0400 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES. THE MEN, ONE A RESIDENT OF FONTANA, CALIFORNIA, AND THE OTHER OF LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1987 PETERBILT TRACTOR AND HAULING A 1986 STOUGHTON TRAILER. THEY WERE TRANSPORTING A PARTIAL LOAD OF MEXICAN-BRAND TOILET TISSUE ALLEGEDLY TO AMARILLO, TEXAS, FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA. DURING A ROUTINE COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION, OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA INSIDE CARDBOARD BOXES COMMINGLED AMONG THE LOAD OF TOILET TISSUE.

MAR 31 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 102 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0903 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. OFFICERS STOPPED THE MEN,

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WHO WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1996 BUICK CENTURY WITH NEBRASKA PLATES, FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THE OFFICERS CONDUCTED A CANINE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE'S EXTERIOR. AFTER RECEIVING A POSITIVE ALERT, THE OFFICERS PHYSICALLY SEARCHED THE BUICK AND LOCATED THE MARIJUANA INSIDE THE TRUNK. THE DRIVER, A JAMAICAN MALE RESIDENT OF BERGENFIELD, NEW JERSEY; AND PASSENGER, A PANAMANIAN MALE RESIDENT OF LAURELTON, NEW YORK, CLAIMED TO BE EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK FROM LOS ANGELES.

APR 02 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 375 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1018 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 59 IN BEE COUNTY NEAR BEEVILLE. THE BROOKLYN AND ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, RESIDENTS WERE IN A 1987 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR WITH A TRAILER BEARING NEW YORK LICENSE PLATES. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, FROM EDINBURG, TEXAS. THE TRAILER WAS EMPTY EXCEPT FOR THE 18" FALSE WALL AT THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER CONTAINING THE MARIJUANA.

APR 03 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 300 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0950 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN CROCKETT COUNTY NEAR OZONA

[REDACTED] WAS DRIVING A 1986 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK WITH TEXAS PLATES (OWNER NOT PRESENT). THE SUBJECT ELUDED A TRAFFIC STOP BY LEADING OFFICERS IN A PURSUIT, ABANDONING THE VEHICLE, AND FLEEING INTO THE BRUSH. HE WAS ARRESTED A SHORT WHILE LATER. A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF THE TRUCK REVEALED THE BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA, IN SUGAR SACKS, IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP. HE STATED HE WAS EN ROUTE TO SAN ANTONIO. OFFICERS BELIEVE HE WAS COMING FROM THE BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK AREA.

APR 03 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 40 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MEXICAN COUPLE

[REDACTED], TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 IN SAN PATRICIO COUNTY NEAR SINTON. THE MCALLEN, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1992 ISUZU PICKUP TRUCK WITH TEXAS PLATES (OWNER NOT PRESENT), EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON FROM MCALLEN, TEXAS.

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FURTHER INSPECTION REVEALED BUNDLES ON BOTH SIDES. SIXTEEN BUNDLES, WHICH WERE REMOVED FROM THE RIGHT QUARTER PANEL, WERE WRAPPED WITH SILVER DUCT TAPE, CLEAR PLASTIC WRAP, RED COLORED GREASE, A CLEAR ZIP LOCK BAG, AND YELLOW TAPE WITH THE LETTER 'U' IN BLACK. SEVENTEEN BUNDLES WERE REMOVED FROM THE LEFT QUARTER PANEL. THE DRIVER STATED THAT HE HAD GONE INTO MEXICO EARLIER THE SAME DAY TO RETRIEVE THE ISUZU PICKUP TRUCK WHICH WAS ALREADY LOADED WITH THE COCAINE, AND HE WAS TO BE PAID \$1,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY TO TRANSPORT THE COCAINE TO HOUSTON.

APR 03 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 12 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0715 HOURS FROM A LATIN COUPLE TRAVELING WITH A 2-MONTH OLD INFANT. THE COUPLE WERE TRAVELING ON THE EASTBOUND LANES OF I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY WHEN OFFICERS STOPPED THEM FOR AN EQUIPMENT VIOLATION. THEY WERE IN A 1987 ACURA LEGEND WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS OBTAINED CONSENT TO SEARCH THE VEHICLE AND LOCATED THE METHAMPHETAMINE IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE GAS TANK. THE SUSPECTS, BOTH RESIDENTS OF PACOIMA, CALIFORNIA, WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.

APR 04 - THE SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, SHERIFF'S OFFICE, SEIZED 427 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA ON I-240 EASTBOUND AT THE FIVE MILE MARKER. A 1994 CHEVROLET MOTORHOME, OWNED BY THE DRIVER, WAS STOPPED FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION AT ABOUT 0711 HOURS. A CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE. A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH REVEALED THE MARIJUANA UNDER THE BED IN THE VEHICLE. THE DRIVER WAS FROM CENTERVILLE, TEXAS, AND WAS EN ROUTE TO SELMA, NORTH CAROLINA, FROM HOUSTON. THE DRIVER WAS ARRESTED, AND THE VEHICLE WAS SEIZED.

APR 05 - THE FORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN KANSAS SEIZED 103 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A HISPANIC COUPLE WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 54 NEAR BUCKLIN. THE DRIVER, A FEMALE MARICOPA, ARIZONA, RESIDENT AND HER MALE PASSENGER WERE EN ROUTE TO DES MOINES, IOWA, FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA, IN A RENTED 1997 MITSUBISHI WITH FLORIDA PLATES. DURING A CONSENT SEARCH OFFICERS FOUND THE BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA, WRAPPED IN CONTACT PAPER UNDER A

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BLANKET IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES FOR INCLUSION IN THIS MESSAGE ARE DEFINED AS FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE; ONE HUNDRED (100) KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA; TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN; FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK; ONE (1) KILOGRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE; AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH NOT REPORTED IN THIS TELETYPE, SEIZURES OF OVER 1 POUND OF COCAINE (454), 10 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA (4,540 GRAMS), 1 OUNCE OF CRACK (28 GRAMS), A GRAM OR MORE OF HEROIN, 454 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF LSD, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND \$1,000 IN DRUG-RELATED CURRENCY ARE CAPTURED IN EPIC'S HIGHWAY SEIZURE DATABASE. THE SIGNIFICANT SEIZURE CRITERIA WAS SET BECAUSE OF THE SHEER NUMBER OF SEIZURES RECEIVED AT EPIC THAT COULD NOT BE PUBLISHED VIA THIS MEDIUM OR VIA THE EPIC MONTHLY THREAT BRIEF.

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MAR 14 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 7.5 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1311 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SUSPECT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1990 MAZDA PICKUP WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES WHEN OFFICERS STOPPED HIM FOR A TRAFFIC INFRACTION. WITH THE AID OF A CANINE, THE OFFICERS LOCATED PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT WITHIN THE VEHICLE'S FIRE WALL.

MAR 21 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 212 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES WHO ABANDONED THEIR 1988 GMC PICKUP TRUCK WITH TEXAS PLATES PURSUANT TO A TRAFFIC STOP. THE SUSPECTS WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON FM 492 IN HIDALGO COUNTY WHEN THE PURSUIT BEGAN. THE SUBJECTS ABANDONED THE VEHICLE IN A PASTURE NEAR FM 492 AND FM 2221. A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE REVEALED THE BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA HIDDEN UNDER THE SNAP DOWN TARP ON THE BED OF THE PICKUP.

APR 02 - THE METRO DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 10 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 2105 HOURS FROM A BLACK MALE RESIDENT OF MIAMI. THE SUBJECT, WAS DRIVING A 1995 BMW 325I WITH FLORIDA PLATES. (THE REGISTERED OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT.) THE SUBJECT, A PREVIOUSLY CONVICTED FELON, WAS CARRYING A 9MM SEMI-AUTOMATIC HANDGUN IN THE WAISTBAND

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OF HIS TROUSERS. A SEARCH REVEALED TWO PACKAGES OF COCAINE INSIDE A MULTI-COLORED DUFFEL BAG LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN DUCT TAPE WITH NO MARKINGS.

APR 04 - THE REFUGIO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED \$1,189,202 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 77, NEAR WOODSBORO, EN ROUTE TO MCALLEN, TEXAS, FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. THE MCALLEN, TEXAS, RESIDENT, WAS DRIVING HIS 1991 FORD AEROSTAR VAN WHICH HE BOUGHT IN CHICAGO FOR \$5,345 CASH ON MARCH 27. THE BUNDLES OF CURRENCY, WHICH WERE NEATLY WRAPPED IN MASKING TAPE, WERE FOUND INSIDE EXISTING COMPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE VAN. SOME BUNDLES, WHICH WERE NOT WRAPPED, WERE FOUND IN A PAIR OF WOMEN'S LEGGINGS.

APR 06 - THE LOWNDES COUNTY, GEORGIA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEIZED 174 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0735 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES AND A LATIN FEMALE HEADING SOUTHBOUND ON I-75. THE SUBJECTS, ALL RESIDENTS OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1996 TIIGA MOTORHOME WITH ARIZONA PLATES. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO EITHER MIAMI, OR ORLANDO, FLORIDA, FROM POMONA. A CONSENT SEARCH LED DEPUTIES TO LOOK UNDER THE MATTRESS OF A SLEEPING BERTH IN THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE. DEPUTIES NOTED ONE OF THE SCREWS SECURING THE PLYWOOD SHEET UNDER THE MATTRESS WAS MISSING. REMOVAL OF THE REMAINING SCREWS AND THE PLYWOOD REVEALED 177 BLOCK-SHAPED PACKAGES. THE MARIJUANA WAS WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC, SMEARED WITH WHITE GREASE, AND WRAPPED AGAIN IN CLEAR PLASTIC. THE MOTORHOME WAS RENTED BY THE DRIVER THREE DAYS PRIOR TO THE SEIZURE. DEPUTIES ALSO DISCOVERED A SECOND RENTAL AGREEMENT FOR A FORD CROWN VICTORIA. DEPUTIES RECALLED SEEING THE VEHICLE TRAVELING WITH THE MOTORHOME AS THEY INITIATED THEIR TRAFFIC STOP BUT WERE UNABLE TO LOCATE THE VEHICLE LATER. THE CROWN VICTORIA WAS RENTED ON 040397 IN ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, AND WAS DUE TO BE RETURNED IN MIAMI, FLORIDA, ON 04/08/97.

APR 08 - THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED 550

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KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A WHITE MALE RESIDENT OF PHOENIX, ARIZONA, WHO WAS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN BOND COUNTY NEAR GREENVILLE. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, FROM LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, IN A 1995 GMC RENTAL TRUCK WITH MINNESOTA PLATES. THE OFFICER FOUND THE BOXES OF MARIJUANA INSIDE THE CARGO AREA OF THE TRUCK. THE KEY HAD BEEN BROKEN OFF IN THE LOCK ON THE BACK DOOR SO THE OFFICER ENTERED THE CAB OF THE TRUCK. HE OPENED THE SMALL WINDOW IN THE BACK AND SAW A LARGE USED REFRIGERATOR STANDING UP AGAINST THE FRONT WALL. THE SUBJECT STATED THAT EVERYTHING HE OWNED WAS IN THE TRUCK TO DISCOURAGE A FURTHER SEARCH. HOWEVER, THE OFFICER WAS ABLE TO PUSH THE REFRIGERATOR TO ONE SIDE AND SEE THE CARDBOARD BOXES IN WHICH THE BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND. A WHITE FEMALE RESIDENT OF PHOENIX, ARIZONA, WAS DRIVING A RENTED 1997 PONTIAC GRANDAM AS AN ESCORT VEHICLE. BOTH OF THE SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.

APR 08 - THE CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED 151 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A 1984 FORD LTD NEAR BROWNSVILLE. AFTER THE OFFICERS EFFECTED A TRAFFIC STOP, THE DRIVER FLED AND HAS NOT BEEN APPREHENDED. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE REVEALED 5 WHITE NYLON SACKS IN THE TRUNK CONTAINING THE COCAINE. THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN GREEN TAPE WITH CELLOPHANE AND THE WORD "DOMINO" WAS HAND PRINTED ON THE PACKAGES. OTHER PACKAGES HAD AN EMBLEM WITH A PRINT OF A GOLDEN CROWN AND THE PHRASE "PRODUCTO DE ALTA CALIDAD" (HIGH QUALITY PRODUCT). A LOADED 9MM SMITH AND WESSON AND A TWO-WAY RADIO WAS FOUND UNDERNEATH THE DRIVER'S SEAT.

APR 08 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.8 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 2015 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN MERCED COUNTY. THE SUSPECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1979 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS REQUESTED AND RECEIVED CONSENT TO SEARCH THE VEHICLE. THEY LOCATED THE METHAMPHETAMINE WITHIN

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A GYM BAG LOCATED ON THE BACK SEAT. THE SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS CLAIMED TO BE EN ROUTE TO SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA, FROM LOS ANGELES.

- APR 10 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND \$1,381 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO LATIN MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECTS, BOTH RESIDENTS OF PERRY, IOWA, FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THEY WERE TRAVELING IN A 1989 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE EN ROUTE TO PERRY, IOWA, FROM SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA. DURING A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, OFFICERS LOCATED THE METHAMPHETAMINE INSIDE THE SPARE TIRE IN THE TRUNK. THE TIRE WAS FLAT AND SMEARED WITH OIL.
- APR 10 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1435 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECT ON THE NORTHBOUND LANES OF I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. HE WAS TRAVELING IN HIS 1987 FORD ESCORT WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, FROM LOS ANGELES. DURING A CONSENT SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, OFFICERS LOCATED THE METHAMPHETAMINE IN THE DRIVER'S SIDE ROCKER PANEL. OFFICERS REMOVED THE LAP SEAT BELT RETRACTOR TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE NATURAL VOID IN THE ROCKER PANEL.
- APR 10 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 211 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1100 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND IN CAMERON COUNTY NEAR LA FERIA, TEXAS. THE SAN JUAN, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING AN EXTENDED CAB FORD PICKUP EN ROUTE TO CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, FROM HARLINGEN, TEXAS. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND INSIDE A TOOLBOX AND ON THE FLOORBOARD IN THE CAB AREA OF THE TRUCK.
- APR 11 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 3.6 KILOGRAMS OF MEXICAN TAR HEROIN FROM TWO ~~LATIN MALES TRAVELING~~ NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN MERCED COUNTY. THE SUSPECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1991 NISSAN SENTRA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES WHEN OFFICERS STOPPED

THEM FOR SPEEDING. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS OBTAINED CONSENT TO SEARCH THE VEHICLE AND SUBSEQUENTLY LOCATED THE HEROIN WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE BUMPER. THE SUSPECTS, BOTH RESIDENTS OF SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, WERE EN ROUTE TO SALEM, OREGON, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA.

APR 11 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 1,360 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1005 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON FM 517 IN GALVESTON COUNTY NEAR TEXAS CITY. THE DONNA, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A U-HAUL TRUCK EN ROUTE TO POSSIBLY HOUSTON FROM SOUTH TEXAS. TROOPERS NOTICED THE VEHICLE TO BE SMOKING SEVERELY AND STOPPED IT. THE BALES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE TRUCK. THE SUBJECT'S WIFE HAD BEEN TRAVELING AHEAD OF HIM IN A FORD EXPLORER WITH TEXAS PLATES.

APR 12 - THE SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$122,935 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1445 HOURS FROM A HAITIAN COUPLE HEADING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95 IN CLARENDON COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF FOUR OAKS, NORTH CAROLINA, AND HIS FEMALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA, WERE TRAVELING IN THE FEMALE'S 1990 TOYOTA WITH TEMPORARY NORTH CAROLINA PLATES. THE FEMALE HAD PURCHASED THE VEHICLE THE DAY BEFORE THE SEIZURE (APRIL 11). THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA, FROM THE RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, AREA. A CONSENT SEARCH REVEALED THE CURRENCY WITHIN A BLACK CANVAS KNAPSACK FOUND ON THE REAR SEAT OF THE VEHICLE. UPON DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY, THE MALE SUBJECT FLED INTO THE NEARBY WOODS.

APR 12 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 250 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 IN KLEBERG COUNTY. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1988 FREIGHTLINER WITH ILLINOIS PLATES PULLING A WHITE BOX TRAILER WITH TENNESSEE PLATES EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON FROM HARLINGEN, TEXAS. THE TROOPER BECAME SUSPICIOUS AFTER NOTICING A

STRONG ODOR OF FABRIC SOFTENER AND A LOG BOOK WITH NO ENTRIES IN IT. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND IN THE SLEEPER COMPARTMENT IN DUFFLE BAGS.

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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH NOT REPORTED IN THIS TELETYPE, SEIZURES OF OVER 1 POUND OF COCAINE (454), 10 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA (4,540 GRAMS), 1 OUNCE OF CRACK (28 GRAMS), A GRAM OR MORE OF HEROIN, 454 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF LSD, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND \$1,000 IN DRUG-RELATED CURRENCY ARE CAPTURED IN EPIC'S HIGHWAY SEIZURE DATABASE. THE SIGNIFICANT SEIZURE CRITERIA WAS SET BECAUSE OF THE SHEER NUMBER OF SEIZURES RECEIVED AT EPIC THAT COULD NOT BE PUBLISHED VIA THIS MEDIUM OR VIA THE EPIC MONTHLY THREAT BRIEF.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 04/19/97

****PLEASE PASS TO ALL HIGHWAY INTERDICTION PERSONNEL****

THIS MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS CURRENT DRUG SEIZURES AND INTELLIGENCE THAT IMPACTS AGENCIES INVOLVED IN HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. IT BRIEFLY DISCUSSES THE EVENTS AND GIVES LIMITED INTERPRETATION OF THEIR MEANING. IT IS INTENDED TO ASSIST PLANNERS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

MAR 27 - THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1,978 DOSAGE UNITS OF SCHEDULE III, IV, AND V CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES AT 1330 HOURS FROM A WHITE COUPLE ON EASTBOUND U.S. 311 IN FORSYTH COUNTY. THE FEMALE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF ARCHDALE, NORTH CAROLINA, AND HER PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA, WERE TRAVELING IN THE PASSENGER'S 1983 CHEVROLET PICKUP WITH NORTH CAROLINA PLATES. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE FROM TENNESSEE TO HIGH POINT. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH REVEALED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS WITHIN A LOCKED TOOL BOX LOCATED ON THE PASSENGER FLOORBOARD OF THE VEHICLE. A SUBSEQUENT CONSENT SEARCH OF THE PASSENGER'S RESIDENCE REVEALED ADDITIONAL CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES. THE PASSENGER ALLEGED HE OBTAINED THE DRUGS THROUGH PRESCRIPTIONS HE PURCHASED FROM BOTH HIS DOCTOR AND THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE ASSISTANTS IN TENNESSEE. THE PASSENGER STATED HE HAD BEEN GOING TO TENNESSEE TWO TO FOUR TIMES A MONTH FOR THE LAST 3 TO 5 YEARS TO OBTAIN DRUGS.

APR 02 - THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$171,973 AT 1256 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK MALES ON SOUTHBOUND I-85 IN WARREN COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS, RESIDENTS OF NEWPORT NEWS, VIRGINIA, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1990 FORD CROWN VICTORIA WITH VIRGINIA PLATES. (THE REGISTERED OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT.) THE SUBJECTS WERE EN

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ROUTE FROM NEWPORT NEWS TO AUSTIN, TEXAS. A CONSENT SEARCH, AIDED BY A CANINE ALERT, REVEALED THE CURRENCY WITHIN A BACKPACK IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE CURRENCY CONSISTED OF MIXED DENOMINATIONS Banded TOGETHER WITH RUBBER BANDS AND PLACED IN A PLASTIC BAG.

- APR 04 - THE PIMA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN ARIZONA SEIZED 101 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING IN A 1992 MERCURY TOPAZ WITH ARIZONA PLATES. OFFICERS STOPPED THE VEHICLE AT 1200 HOURS AND LOCATED THE MARIJUANA WITHIN THE VEHICLE. A SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION LED TO AN ADDITIONAL 42 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA SEIZED FROM A RESIDENCE IN TUCSON.
- APR 09 - THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.6 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND 4 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1500 HOURS FROM TWO MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, RESIDENTS WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN SEVIER COUNTY NEAR RICHFIELD. THE TWO MEXICAN MALE NATIONALS WERE EN ROUTE TO MILWAUKEE FROM LOS ANGELES IN THEIR 1988 MAZDA 323 WITH WISCONSIN PLATES. THE DRIVER HAD AN ALTERNATE SHAWNEE, KANSAS, ADDRESS AND HIS PASSENGER HAD AN ALTERNATE FONTANA, CALIFORNIA, ADDRESS. THE CONTRABAND WAS WRAPPED IN GRAY DUCT TAPE AND THE PACKAGES WERE SMEARED WITH A GREASY TYPE SUBSTANCE.
- APR 09 - THE NORTH CAROLINA STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$600,010 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1720 HOURS FROM TWO COLOMBIAN MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95 IN NASH COUNTY. THE FLUSHING, NEW YORK, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1992 CHEVROLET ASTRO MINIVAN WITH NEW YORK PLATES. (THE REGISTERED OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT.) THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO MIAMI, FLORIDA. A CONSENT SEARCH, ASSISTED BY A CANINE, REVEALED THE CURRENCY WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED BEHIND AN AIR VENT IN THE DASHBOARD OF THE VEHICLE.
- APR 10 - THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE SEIZED 191 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM THE BED OF A 1985 CHEVROLET PICKUP EQUIPPED WITH A

CAMPER SHELL AND BEARING TEXAS PLATES. THE DRIVER REFUSED TO YIELD WHEN OFFICERS ATTEMPTED TO STOP THEM. THE VEHICLE WAS LATER FOUND ABANDONED IN THE LAS CRUCES AREA. THE PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA WERE WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE WITH EACH BUNDLE WEIGHING APPROXIMATELY 15-20 KILOGRAMS EACH.

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APR 11 - THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 195 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1610 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN THOMAS COUNTY NEAR COLBY. THE RIDLEY PARK, PENNSYLVANIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PHILADELPHIA FROM SAN FRANCISCO IN HIS 1995 MERCURY WITH PENNSYLVANIA PLATES. THE 103 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND HIDDEN INSIDE 19 DUFFLE BAGS THAT WERE LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN ALUMINUM FOIL AND FURTHER WRAPPED IN A PLASTIC TABLE CLOTH MATERIAL WHICH HAD GREASE SMEARED ON IT AND THEN WRAPPED IN A CLEAR CELLOPHANE. A DRUG DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

APR 12 - THE CALEXICO POLICE DEPARTMENT IN CALIFORNIA SEIZED 47 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1330 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING IN A 1985 BUICK SKYLARK BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECT, A RESIDENT OF CALEXICO, FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE WITH A CANINE REVEALED THE COCAINE INSIDE A DUFFLE BAG LOCATED IN THE TRUNK. THE SUSPECT ALLEGEDLY CROSSED WITH THE LOAD VEHICLE FROM MEXICO INTO THE UNITED STATES.

APR 14 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 11 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1200 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10 IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE SUSPECT, A RESIDENT OF CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, WAS TRAVELING IN A 1984 TOYOTA CELICA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. EN ROUTE TO BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, FROM MEXICALI, BAJA CALIFORNIA NORTE, MEXICO. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING

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A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, A CANINE ALERTED TO THE REAR BUMPER WHERE OFFICERS FOUND 8 PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE.

APR 14 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 23 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1536 HOURS FROM THREE LATIN MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECT FOR SPEEDING. THEY WERE TRAVELING IN A 1989 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES REGISTERED TO AN INDIVIDUAL WHO WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS REQUESTED AND RECEIVED CONSENT TO SEARCH THE VEHICLE. WITH THE AID OF A CANINE, THE OFFICERS LOCATED THE METHAMPHETAMINE CONCEALED IN THE SIDE PANELS. THE SUSPECTS, ALL RESIDENTS OF COMPTON, CALIFORNIA, WERE EN ROUTE TO COLORADO.

APR 14 - THE PEARL RIVER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEIZED 12 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE ON I-59 NORTHBOUND AT THE 15 MILE MARKER AFTER PULLING A VEHICLE OVER FOR CARELESS DRIVING. TWO BLACK MALES WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 GMC TWO-DOOR WITH TENNESSEE PLATES. THE RENTER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE DEPUTY RECEIVED CONSENT TO SEARCH. A CANINE WAS NOT USED. THE COCAINE WAS FOUND IN TWO SEPARATE BAGS IN THE TRUNK. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE BACK TO NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS, WHERE THEY OBTAINED THE COCAINE. BOTH MEN ARE RESIDENTS OF NASHVILLE, AND WERE BORN IN THE U.S. THERE WERE NO MARKINGS ON THE COCAINE PACKAGES, BUT AIR FRESHENERS SMELLING OF BUBBLE GUM WERE USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

APR 14 - THE DALLAS, TEXAS, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 9 KILOGRAMS OF MEXICAN METHAMPHETAMINE FROM TWO SEPARATE VEHICLE TRAFFIC STOPS INITIATED BY SUSPECTED METHAMPHETAMINE TRAFFICKING FROM A RESIDENCE IN DALLAS. THE FIRST VEHICLE, A 1987 CHEVROLET 2 DOOR WITH TEXAS PLATES, WAS STOPPED ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET. THE DRIVER, AN INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT CONSENTED TO A SEARCH AND APPROXIMATELY 3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE WAS FOUND ON THE REAR FLOORBOARD INSIDE A BAG.

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THE SECOND VEHICLE, A 1992 FORD EXPLORER, WITH TEXAS PLATES, WAS OCCUPIED BY TWO LATIN COUPLES. THE FEMALE DRIVER, OWNER OF THE VEHICLE AND RESIDENT OF HOUSTON, TEXAS, ALONG WITH HER PASSENGERS, WERE STOPPED ALSO ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET IN DALLAS. THE SUBJECTS ABANDONED THE VEHICLE AFTER APPARENTLY REALIZING THEY WERE BEING FOLLOWED. A BOX CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY 6 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE WAS RECOVERED FROM THE VEHICLE.

APR 15 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 18 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1800 HOURS FROM A LATIN COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 IN NUECES COUNTY. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE IN A 1985 MERCURY COUGAR WITH TEXAS PLATES (OWNER NOT PRESENT). THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, FROM MONTERREY, MEXICO.

THE COCAINE WAS FOUND IN THE REAR QUARTER PANELS OF THE VEHICLE. A CONTROLLED DELIVERY TO HOUSTON NETTED TWO ADDITIONAL SUBJECTS.

APR 15 - THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 28 GRAMS OF HEROIN AT 0003 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE AND TWO BLACK MALES HEADING SOUTH ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE IN SALEM COUNTY. THE DRIVER AND ONE OF HIS PASSENGERS WERE RESIDENTS OF GLEN BURNIE, MARYLAND. THE REMAINING PASSENGER WAS FROM BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1987 FORD MUSTANG WITH MARYLAND PLATES. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TO PROBABLY GLEN BURNIE. A CONSENT SEARCH REVEALED THE HEROIN IN THE CONSOLE AREA UNDER THE RUBBER BOOT OF THE VEHICLE'S MANUAL GEAR SHIFTER. THE HEROIN WAS OFF-WHITE IN COLOR AND IN THE FORM OF SMALL, COMPRESSED CYLINDERS, 1-INCH IN LENGTH.

APR 15 - THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE SEIZED 500 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AND 5 GRAMS OF UNKNOWN HEROIN AT 0329 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK MALES AND A BLACK FEMALE ON

SOUTHBOUND I-95 IN CECIL COUNTY. THE DRIVER AND HIS FEMALE PASSENGER WERE RESIDENTS OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA. THE REMAINING PASSENGER WAS RESIDENT OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1992 BUICK LESABRE WITH NORTH CAROLINA PLATES. THE REGISTRATION CAME BACK AS NOT ON FILE AND THE DRIVER HAD A SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSE.

[REDACTED] THE HEROIN WAS FOUND ON ONE OF THE SUBJECTS.

- APR 16 - THE FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 500 GRAMS OF SUSPECTED COLOMBIAN HEROIN AT 1545 HOURS FROM A COLOMBIAN MALE IN DADE COUNTY. THE SUBJECT, A RESIDENT OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, WAS TRAVELING IN A 1996 NISSAN MAXIMA WITH FLORIDA PLATES. (THE REGISTERED OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT.) A SEARCH REVEALED THE HEROIN IN A PAPER BAG WITHIN A FAST FOOD BAG FOUND ON THE FRONT SEAT OF THE VEHICLE. THE HEROIN WAS OFF-WHITE IN COLOR AND WAS IN THE FORM OF FOUR BRICKS. THE BRICKS WERE APPROXIMATELY 1-INCH THICK AND MEASURED APPROXIMATELY 5 BY 2 INCHES.
- APR 17 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0700 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE RESIDENT OF COVINA, CALIFORNIA. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECT ON THE NORTHBOUND LANES OF I-5 IN KERN COUNTY FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. HE WAS TRAVELING IN A 1982 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA BEARING OREGON PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENT SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE REVEALED THE METHAMPHETAMINE IN A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT UNDER THE DASH. THE SUSPECT WAS ALLEGEDLY EN ROUTE TO MT. ANGEL, OREGON, FROM COVINA.
- APR 17 - THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 17 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1345 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10. OFFICERS STOPPED THE SUSPECT, A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. HE WAS TRAVELING IN HIS 1991 CALIFORNIA-PLATED NISSAN EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA. A SEARCH OF THE

VEHICLE REVEALED THE COCAINE WITHIN AN ELECTRONICALLY OPERATED COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE REAR SEAT. ACCESS TO THE COMPARTMENT WAS GAINED BY PUTTING THE CAR IN REVERSE, THEN IN NEUTRAL, AND FINALLY DEPRESSING A BUTTON LOCATED NEAR THE REAR LEFT SPEAKER. ONE PACKAGE OF COCAINE BORE THE LETTER "A".

APR 17 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 136 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2210 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE, RESIDENT OF DEL RIO, TEXAS, TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON U.S. 90 IN KINNEY COUNTY NEAR BRACKETVILLE. THE TROOPER OBSERVED THE SUBJECT DRIVING A 1996 DODGE RAM PICKUP TRUCK, WITH TEXAS PLATES, MAKE A SUDDEN U-TURN ON U.S. 90 TO APPARENTLY AVOID THE U.S. BORDER PATROL CHECKPOINT NEAR CLINE, TEXAS. A HIGH SPEED PURSUIT ENSUED INVOLVING KINNEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES, I&NS/BP AGENTS, AND OTHER DPS UNITS. THE VEHICLE WAS FINALLY STOPPED AFTER DPS OFFICERS LAID DOWN SPIKES ON THE HIGHWAY AHEAD OF THE DRIVER. A TOTAL OF 9 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE RECOVERED FROM THE CAB OF THE TRUCK.

APR 18 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1,015 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0850 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 IN KLEBERG COUNTY. DISCREPANCIES OF THE DRIVER'S LOG BOOK AND SHIPPING PAPERS LED THE OFFICER TO ASK FOR CONSENT TO SEARCH OF THE 1989 PETERBILT WITH A 1990 TIMPTE GRAIN TRAILER (BOTH WITH TEXAS PLATES). A TOTAL OF 68 BUNDLES OF CELLOPHANE AND GRAY DUCT TAPE WRAPPED BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND AT THE BOTTOM OF THE FIRST HOPPER COMPARTMENT. THE ROBSTOWN, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ORANGE GROVE, TEXAS, FROM HARLINGEN. A CONTROLLED DELIVERY RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF APPROXIMATELY \$29,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY, THREE VEHICLES, AND THREE ADDITIONAL MALE SUBJECTS. THE MARIJUANA WAS ULTIMATELY DESTINED TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN. THE OWNER OF THE TRACTOR TRAILER WAS NOT PRESENT.

APR 18 - THE LAREDO, TEXAS, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 267 KILOGRAMS OF

MARIJUANA AT 2130 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON TEXAS HIGHWAY 359 IN WEBB COUNTY. THE LAREDO, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO A LOCATION IN LAREDO. HOWEVER, THE MARIJUANA WAS ULTIMATELY DESTINED TO SAN ANTONIO. THE BLACK AND CLEAR CELLOPHANE WRAPPED PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND IN THE BED OF THE 1995 DODGE PICKUP, WITH TEXAS PLATES, COVERED WITH AN ORANGE TARP. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT.


APR 18 - THE BEAUMONT, TEXAS, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED \$212,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A LATIN COUPLE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10 IN JEFFERSON COUNTY. THE PIERSON, FLORIDA, RESIDENTS WERE IN A 1989 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH FLORIDA PLATES (OWNER NOT PRESENT), AND WERE EN ROUTE TO MCALLEN, TEXAS, FROM FLORIDA. THE OFFICER NOTICED A STRONG ODOR OF FABRIC SOFTENER EMANATING FROM THE REAR PASSENGER AREA OF THE VEHICLE. AFTER OFFICERS REMOVED THE REAR PANEL, SPEAKER COVERS, AND SPEAKERS, THEY FOUND SIXTY BUNDLES OF CURRENCY. THE BUNDLES WERE DAMP AND HAD BEEN WRAPPED WITH LAYERS OF BLACK DUCT TAPE, GRAY DUCT TAPE, AND CLEAR PLASTIC TAPE.

APR 18 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 9.5 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1505 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE SUSPECT, A RESIDENT OF ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, WAS TRAVELING IN HIS 1988 NISSAN WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES WHEN OFFICERS STOPPED HIM FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE WITH A CANINE REVEALED THE METHAMPHETAMINE CONCEALED INSIDE A CARDBOARD BOX.

APR 19 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 650 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$1,446 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 0116 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE AND A BLACK MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 IN SAN PATRICIO COUNTY NEAR ODEM. THE SUBJECTS, RESIDENTS OF HAMMOND AND GARY, INDIANA, WERE IN THE PASSENGERS 1989 KENWORTH TRACTOR PULLING A 1986 GREAT DANE REFRIGERATED TRAILER, BOTH WITH

WISCONSIN PLATES. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM EDINBURG, TEXAS. THE TROOPER BECAME SUSPICIOUS AFTER OBSERVING BOTH SUBJECTS NERVOUS DEemeanOR AND NOTICING THAT THE TRAILER'S ROOF HAD NEW RIVETS. A DRUG CANINE ALERTED TO THE TRAILER, AND THE TROOPER SUBSEQUENTLY CLIMBED ON TOP OF THE TRAILER AND NOTICED AN ABNORMAL HEIGHT TO IT. HE ALSO NOTICED THE NEW RIVETS AND A CRACK THROUGH WHICH HE SHINED HIS FLASHLIGHT AND OBSERVED A PACKAGE OF MARIJUANA. A TOTAL OF 38 LARGE PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA, WRAPPED IN THREE LAYERS OF PLASTIC WRAP AND ALUMINUM FOIL, WERE FOUND HIDDEN IN THE FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE ROOF. THE TRAILER WAS FILLED WITH A LEGITIMATE LOAD OF MIXED PRODUCE.

APR 19 - THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED FIVE KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE ON I-10 EASTBOUND IN LAFAYETTE PARISH AT 2130 HOURS. A COLOMBIAN MALE WAS DRIVING A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1990 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH LOUISIANA PLATES EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS FROM HOUSTON. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF HARRAHAN, LOUISIANA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. TROOPERS UTILIZED A CANINE, WHICH ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE. THE COCAINE WAS FOUND IN THE FRONT FENDER WELL.



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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 04/26/97

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MAR 31 - THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$163,165 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1206 HOURS FROM A LATIN COUPLE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON U.S. 54 IN SEDGWICK COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF DUARTE, CALIFORNIA, AND HIS FEMALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1990 OLDSMOBILE VAN WITH MINNESOTA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA, FROM ST. PAUL. DURING A CONSENT SEARCH THE OFFICERS FOUND 16 BUNDLES OF U.S. CURRENCY IN THE REAR QUARTER PANEL OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

APR 08 - THE LORENA CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 113 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2300 HOURS FROM THREE LATIN MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-35 IN MCCLENNAN COUNTY. THE BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE IN A 1984 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONAL TRACTOR, PULLING A FLATBED TRAILER WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE SUBJECTS WERE ALLEGEDLY TRAVELING TO DALLAS, TEXAS, FROM BROWNSVILLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE FLATBED TRAILER, WHERE PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND CONCEALED INSIDE THREE TIRES ON THE TRAILER. THERE WERE 11 BRICKS OF MARIJUANA FOUND INSIDE ONE TIRE, 18 BRICKS IN THE SECOND TIRE, AND 12 BRICKS INSIDE THE THIRD TIRE.

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APR 13 - THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE SEIZED 272 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1709 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-30 NEAR TEXARKANA. THE MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1996 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONAL TRACTOR PULLING A DROP-DECK FLATBED TRAILER WITH OKLAHOMA PLATES. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO KENTUCKY FROM EL PASO, TEXAS. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND HIDDEN INSIDE FIFTEEN BOXES LOCATED UNDER A TARP ON THE TRAILER. TALCUM POWDER HAD BEEN USED AS A MASKING AGENT ON THE MARIJUANA PACKAGES. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE TRAILER.

APR 17 - THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$194,275 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A BLACK COUPLE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-70 IN SALINA COUNTY. THE FORT WORTH, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 CHEVROLET WITH ILLINOIS PLATES EN ROUTE TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, VIA DENVER, COLORADO, FROM FORT WAYNE, INDIANA. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO A CARDBOARD BOX LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE VEHICLE, OFFICERS FOUND TWO BLACK PLASTIC CASES WHICH CONTAINED THE CURRENCY. THE CURRENCY HAD BEEN VACUUM-SEALED INSIDE PLASTIC BAGS. THE DRIVER CLAIMED THEY WERE GOING TO DROP THE CASES OFF WITH HIS BROTHER IN DENVER, COLORADO.

APR 20 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.7 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0230 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALE LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WHO WERE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-5 IN KINGS COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A U.S. NATIONAL AND HIS PASSENGER, A MEXICAN NATIONAL, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1993 NISSAN PICKUP WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LONG BEACH FROM SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH REVEALED THE METHAMPHETAMINE IN A PLASTIC BAG LOCATED BEHIND THE RIGHT FRONT SEAT OF THE VEHICLE.

APR 20 - THE HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEIZED 5 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 0335 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE

WHO WAS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10. THE DRIVER, A HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT, WAS DRIVING A 1986 CHEVROLET VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM HOUSTON. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. ONE KILOGRAM OF COCAINE WAS FOUND IN THE REAR DOOR, WHILE THE OTHER FOUR KILOGRAMS WERE FOUND INSIDE THE SIDE SLIDING DOOR. THE DRIVER WAS ARRESTED, AND THE VEHICLE AND COCAINE WERE SEIZED.

APR 21 - THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 531 GRAMS OF 100 PERCENT PURE WHITE HEROIN AT 1507 HOURS FROM THREE CUBAN MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-20 IN OUACHITA PARISH. THE HIALEAH, FLORIDA, RESIDENTS WERE DRIVING A RENTED 1998 NISSAN FOUR-DOOR WITH FLORIDA PLATES EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TEXAS, FROM HIALEAH, FLORIDA. THE RENTER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE HEROIN AND A WEAPON WERE SEIZED, AND ALL THREE MALES WERE ARRESTED.

APR 21- THE CAMDEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA SEIZED 75 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1800 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-95. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF MIAMI, FLORIDA, AND HIS PASSENGER, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1990 SETRA TOUR BUS WITH NEW YORK PLATES. THE DRIVER, A COLOMBIAN NATIONAL AND HIS PASSENGER, A PUERTO RICAN NATIONAL, WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK FROM MIAMI. DURING A CONSENT SEARCH OFFICERS FOUND THE PACKAGES OF COCAINE IN THREE DUFFLE BAGS LOCATED INSIDE A LOCKED COMPARTMENT ON THE OUTSIDE LEFT REAR OF THE BUS. THE COCAINE WAS WRAPPED IN A GREEN RUBBER MATERIAL AND SPRINKLED WITH RED PEPPER. SOME OF THE PACKAGES HAD THE MARKING "DOMINO" AND "PRODUCTO DE ALTA CALIDAD" STAMPED ON THEM IN BLACK INK. OTHER PACKAGES HAD THE WORD "GONZALO" HANDWRITTEN IN BLACK MARKER ON THEM. ON 04/08/97, THE CAMERON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE NEAR BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, SEIZED 151 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE WITH THE SAME MARKINGS.

APR 23 - THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$150,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1150 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND

ON I-70 IN ELLSWORTH COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES FROM ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, IN A RENTED 1996 ISUZU RODEO WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. DURING A CONSENT SEARCH OFFICERS FOUND THE CURRENCY IN SOCKS INSIDE A PAIR OF BOOTS THAT WERE HIDDEN IN A DUFFLE BAG LOCATED IN BACK OF THE VEHICLE.

- APR 24 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1450 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN FRESNO COUNTY. THE SOUTHGATE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1996 TOYOTA PICKUP WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO SACRAMENTO FROM SOUTHGATE, CALIFORNIA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE BEHIND THE REAR SEAT DURING A CONSENT SEARCH. A DRUG- DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.
- APR 24 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$250,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1113 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-805 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. HE WAS DRIVING A 1992 FORD RANGER WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CHULA VISTA FROM DOWNEY, CALIFORNIA. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.
- APR 25 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF TAR HEROIN AT 2100 HOURS FROM THREE MEXICAN MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN YOLO COUNTY. THE DRIVER/OWNER, A RESIDENT OF HILLSBORO, OREGON, AND HIS PASSENGERS FROM HILLSBORO AND BEAVERTON, OREGON, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1983 HONDA PRELUDE WITH OREGON PLATES. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO HILLSBORO FROM SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE. TOOTHPASTE WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.
- APR 26 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 100 KILOGRAMS OF PEYOTE AT 1233 HOURS FROM TWO WHITE MALES WHO WERE INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT ON I-10 IN

HUDSPETH COUNTY NEAR SIERRA BLANCA, TEXAS. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF HOTEVILLA, ARIZONA, AND HIS PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1995 KIA SEPHIA WITH ARIZONA PLATES.

APR 26 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 820 GRAMS OF HEROIN AND 44 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1640 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MICHIGAN OR OHIO FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE UNLICENSED DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF TOLEDO, OHIO, AND HIS PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN, WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1996 CHRYSLER WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. DURING A CONSENT SEARCH OFFICERS FOUND THE HEROIN UNDER THE SEAT AND THE MARIJUANA IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

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APR 06 - THE LOWNDES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA SEIZED 174 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0735 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES AND ONE LATIN FEMALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-75 IN LOWNDES COUNTY. THE POMONA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI AND ORLANDO, FLORIDA, FROM ANAHEIM AND POMONA, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1996 TIOGA RECREATIONAL VEHICLE. DURING A CONSENT SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND 177 PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA LOCATED UNDER THE BED IN THE MOTORHOME. THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN PLASTIC CELLOPHANE, SMEARED WITH A WHITE GREASE SUBSTANCE, AND FINALLY WRAPPED IN PLASTIC.

APR 08 - THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$120,870 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 0959 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95 IN NASH COUNTY. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI FROM WASHINGTON, D. C., IN A 1989 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER VAN WITH FLORIDA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENT SEARCH, OFFICERS DISCOVERED THE CURRENCY IN AN ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED HIDDEN COMPARTMENT LOCATED INSIDE THE DASHBOARD. OFFICERS GAINED ACCESS TO THE COMPARTMENT BY MOVING AN AFTERMARKET TOGGLE SWITCH, LOCATED UNDER THE DASHBOARD, TO THE LEFT AND PUSHING A LOCK/UNLOCK BUTTON. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE

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APR 08 - THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 227 GRAMS OF HEROIN AT 1205 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-80 IN MORRIS COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER FROM ALLEGHENY, PENNSYLVANIA, WERE EN ROUTE TO PITTSBURGH FROM NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, IN A 1987 OLDSMOBILE WITH PENNSYLVANIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A VEHICLE SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE HEROIN INSIDE A CARDBOARD BOX UNDER THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED AND THE VEHICLE WAS SEIZED.

APR 10 - THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$282,750 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1134 HOURS FROM TWO COLOMBIAN MALES AND A COLOMBIAN FEMALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1992 HONDA ACCORD WITH FLORIDA PLATES EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENT SEARCH, OFFICERS REMOVED THE BAGS FROM THE TRUNK AND THEN NOTICED THAT THE FRONT FORWARD WALL APPEARED TO BE MODIFIED. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE TRUNK.

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A SEARCH OF THE BAGS FOUND IN THE TRUNK REVEALED A COLOMBIAN COFFEE CAN, A FIX-A-FLAT CAN, A SHAVING CREAM CAN, AND NUMEROUS OTHER CANS THAT HAD FALSE BOTTOMS. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND INSIDE ALL OF THESE CANS. CURRENCY WAS ALSO FOUND INSIDE TWO CHILDREN'S TOYS THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN APART AND PUT BACK TOGETHER AGAIN. AIRLINE TICKETS THAT HAD BEEN PURCHASED BY THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WERE FOUND FOR THE OCCUPANTS IN THE VEHICLE TO FLY BACK TO NEW YORK FROM MIAMI.

APR 18 - THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE SEIZED 500 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AND 5 GRAMS OF HEROIN AT 0329 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK MALES AND A BLACK FEMALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95 IN CECIL COUNTY. THE

TWO MALES, BOTH RESIDENTS OF RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, AND THE FEMALE, A RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, RESIDENT, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1992 BUICK LESABRE WITH NORTH CAROLINA PLATES. THE DRIVER HAD A SUSPENDED DRIVER'S LICENSE AND THE VEHICLE REGISTRATION WAS NOT ON FILE. THE OFFICER FOUND THE CRACK COCAINE HIDDEN INSIDE THE AIR FILTER LOCATED IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT. THE HEROIN WAS FOUND ON ONE OF THE DEFENDANTS DURING A SEARCH AT THE POLICE STATION.

- APR 20 - THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE SEIZED 113 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1945 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40. THE REGAN, TENNESSEE, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN HIS 1985 OLDSMOBILE DELTA 88 WITH TENNESSEE PLATES. DURING A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA INSIDE A LARGE BLACK PLASTIC BOX LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE BOX HAD BEEN SEALED WITH SILICONE AND LAUNDRY DETERGENT WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE. THE SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED.
- APR 26 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 7.4 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1505 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-80 IN CONTRA COSTA COUNTY. THE POMONA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1992 FORD PICKUP WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA, FROM HERCULES, CALIFORNIA. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO A TOOL BOX MOUNTED ON THE PICKUP'S BED WHERE OFFICERS FOUND A GYM BAG CONTAINING THE PACKAGES OF COCAINE. A SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION LED TO THE SEIZURE OF 1.5 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, 895 GRAMS OF COCAINE AND \$10,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO RESIDENCES.
- APR 27 - THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 227 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1105 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN THOMAS COUNTY. THE TUCSON, ARIZONA, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A DODGE F250 PICKUP PULLING A 10 FOOT BOX TRAILER BEARING ARIZONA PLATES EN ROUTE TO HOLBROOK, NEW YORK, FROM TUCSON. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT.

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DURING A CONSENT SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND 60 BALES OF MARIJUANA INSIDE A FALSE WALL COMPARTMENT LOCATED AT THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER. CLOTHING AND USED FURNITURE WERE USED AS A COVER LOAD. DURING A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF THE SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE IN HOLBROOK, OFFICERS SEIZED AN ADDITIONAL 40 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA AND \$350,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY. THE SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED.

APR 27 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 151 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1255 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN NATIONAL MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-8 IN IMPERIAL COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1973 DODGE RECREATIONAL VEHICLE WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, FROM MEXICO. THE OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA INSIDE THE CUPBOARDS AND A TOOLBOX IN THE MOTORHOME.

APR 29 - THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND \$25,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1200 HOURS FROM TWO WHITE MALES AND A WHITE FEMALE WHO WERE TRAVELING IN TWO SEPARATE VEHICLES NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 59 IN HIGGINS COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO PARSONS, KANSAS, FROM INOLA, OKLAHOMA. THE DRIVER AND OWNER OF THE LOAD VEHICLE, A OSAWATOMIE, KANSAS, RESIDENT, WAS IN A 1990 FORD TAURUS WITH KANSAS PLATES. THE DRIVER OF THE ESCORT VEHICLE, AN INOLA RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, FROM COLLINSVILLE, OKLAHOMA, WERE TRAVELING IN THEIR 1989 GMC SUBURBAN WITH OKLAHOMA PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND THREE ONE-POUND PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE ON THE FLOORBOARD OF THE FORD TAURUS. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE. ALL THREE SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.

APR 29 - THE NEW MEXICO STATE MOTOR TRANSPORTATION DIVISION SEIZED 1.6 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, A LOADED 9MM PISTOL, AND \$20,440 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 0830 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 54 IN CARRIZOZC, NEW MEXICO. THE BAYARD, NEW MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1990 PETERBILT TRUCK-TRACTOR LEASED TO A COMPANY IN NEW MEXICO. THE VEHICLE BORE

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NEW MEXICO PLATES AND WAS REGISTERED TO THE SUBJECT'S BROTHER WHO WAS NOT PRESENT. THE SUBJECT STATED HE HAD LEFT AN EMPTY TRAILER IN EITHER ST. LOUIS OR TOPEKA AND THAT HE WAS EN ROUTE BACK TO EL PASO, TEXAS. DURING A CONSENT SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE AND THE CURRENCY INSIDE A DUFFLE BAG LOCATED IN THE SLEEPER AREA OF THE TRACTOR. THE FIREARM WAS WRAPPED IN A TOWEL AND WAS LYING ON THE SEAT BESIDE THE DRIVER. THE SUBJECT STATED HE HAD FOUND THE BAG OF METHAMPHETAMINE ON THE GROUND AT A TRUCK STOP IN TOPEKA AND WAS TAKING IT TO EL PASO TO DISTRIBUTE TO AN UNKNOWN PERSON.

APR 30 - THE MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 140 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$1,771 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 2340 HOURS FROM THREE LATIN MALES TRAVELING IN TWO SEPARATE VEHICLES EASTBOUND ON I-20 IN RANKIN COUNTY. AN ASHEBORO, NORTH CAROLINA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A RENTED TRUCK WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES. TWO DALLAS, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE ESCORT VEHICLE, A 1984 CHEVROLET VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THIS VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA CONCEALED IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE OVERHANG AREA (ROOF) OF THE TRUCK. THE TRUCK WAS HAULING PAINTING EQUIPMENT AND JUNK FURNITURE. ALL THREE SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.

MAY 01 - THE KENTUCKY STATE POLICE SEIZED 744 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AND \$2,500 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1730 HOURS FROM A BLACK MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON KENTUCKY STATE ROUTE 353 IN FAYETTE COUNTY. THE LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1989 CHEVROLET ASTRO VAN WITH KENTUCKY TEMPORARY PLATES. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE. THE CRACK COCAINE WAS FOUND INSIDE A CEREAL BOX.

MAY 01 - THE C-NET TASK FORCE IN BELL, CALIFORNIA, SEIZED 20 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1330 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE. THE HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1995 NISSAN

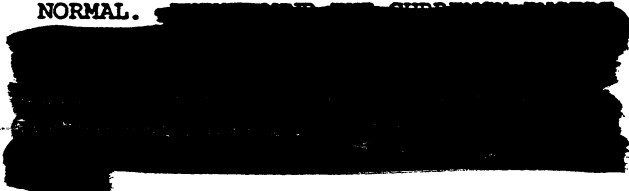
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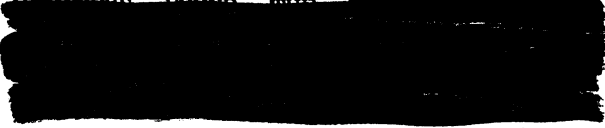
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MAY 02 - THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF CRACK COCAINE AT 0823 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-20 IN WEBSTER PARISH. THE SCOBAY, MISSISSIPPI, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI, RESIDENT, WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1988 OLDSMOBILE WITH MISSISSIPPI PLATES. THE OFFICERS FOUND THE CRACK COCAINE ON THE FRONT SEAT. THE SUBJECTS TRIED TO EXIT THE VEHICLE BUT WERE STOPPED AND ARRESTED BEFORE THEY COULD MAKE THEIR ESCAPE.

MAY 02 - THE GEORGIA STATE PATROL SEIZED \$223,674 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 0900 HOURS FROM A CUBAN MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-75 IN LOWNDES COUNTY. THE ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN HIS 1990 PONTIAC 6000 WITH FLORIDA PLATES EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA. THE OFFICERS BECAME SUSPICIOUS WHEN THEY NOTICED THAT THE SIZE OF THE TRUNK LOOKED SMALLER THAN NORMAL.



MAY 02 - THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$559,400 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1010 HOURS FROM TWO COLOMBIAN MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95 IN NASH COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A JACKSON HEIGHTS, NEW YORK, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS, RESIDENT, WERE DRIVING IN A 1991 MAZDA MPV WITH NEW YORK PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENT SEARCH,



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MAY 02 - THE CASTROVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 930 TABLETS OF DIAZEPAM, 1000 TABLETS OF TYLEX WITH CODEINE, 155 TABLETS OF DARVON, AND 387 TABLETS OF AMPHETAMINES AT 0330 HOURS FROM TWO WHITE MALES AND TWO WHITE FEMALES (ONE A JUVENILE) TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 90 IN MEDINA COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A MICHIGAN RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGERS, FROM MICHIGAN AND LOUISIANA, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1992 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR PULLING A TRAILER LOADED WITH ONIONS. BOTH THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER HAD OHIO PLATES AND WERE EN ROUTE TO TIFFIN, OHIO, FROM MCALLEN, TEXAS. THE DRUGS WERE ALLEGEDLY BEING DELIVERED TO TWO INDIVIDUALS IN CINCINNATI, OHIO. DURING A CONSENT SEARCH, OFFICERS DISCOVERED THE DRUGS IN THE SLEEPER COMPARTMENT.

MAY 02 - THE DEA TASK FORCE IN LAREDO, TEXAS, SEIZED \$146,610 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 2300 HOURS FROM TWO WHITE MALES AND TWO WHITE FEMALES IN LAREDO, TEXAS. THE SUBJECTS HAD ARRIVED IN LAREDO FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY, VIA A COMMERCIAL AIRLINE. THEY WERE TRAVELING IN A PICKUP TRUCK (NFI) WHEN OFFICERS STOPPED THEM FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND INSIDE MONEY BELTS, MADE OUT OF GRAY DUCT TAPE AND CLEAR WRAP, THAT WERE INSIDE A SUITCASE LOCATED IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 05/10/97

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THIS MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS CURRENT DRUG SEIZURES AND INTELLIGENCE THAT IMPACTS AGENCIES INVOLVED IN HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. IT BRIEFLY DISCUSSES THE EVENTS AND GIVES LIMITED INTERPRETATION OF THEIR MEANING. IT IS INTENDED TO ASSIST PLANNERS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

APR 01 - THE SPALDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA SEIZED \$197,165 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1950 HOURS FROM THREE BLACK FEMALES WHO WERE TRAVELING WITH AN EIGHT YEAR-OLD JUVENILE SOUTHBOUND ON I-75. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN. THE DRIVER, A DETROIT, MICHIGAN, RESIDENT, AND HER PASSENGERS, FROM DETROIT AND SOUTHFIELD, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1995 GMC SUBURBAN WITH MICHIGAN PLATES. ONE OF THE PASSENGERS WAS THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE. DURING A CONSENT SEARCH, OFFICERS REVEALED TWELVE BUNDLES OF CURRENCY WRAPPED IN FABRIC SOFTENER SHEETS AND CLEAR PLASTIC WHICH WERE FOUND IN A GARMENT BAG ON THE FLOOR OF THE VEHICLE. THREE BUNDLES OF CURRENCY WERE WRAPPED IN TIGHTLY COMPRESSED GREY DUCT TAPE AND WERE FOUND IN THE CHILD'S CLOTHING. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE AND ONE SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED.

APR 28 - THE TULSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN OKLAHOMA SEIZED 908 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA, RESIDENT WHO WAS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44. THE MALE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1989 KENWORTH TRACTOR PULLING A REFRIGERATED TRAILER EN ROUTE TO TULSA, FROM MCALLEN, TEXAS. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA PACKAGED IN CARDBOARD BOXES COMMINGLED WITH FROZEN PRODUCE LOCATED INSIDE THE

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- MAY 04 - THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 7 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 0735 HOURS FROM A BLACK MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN ST. MARTIN PARISH. THE PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 DODGE WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES. THE RENTER OF THE VEHICLE WAS ALLEGEDLY IN ANOTHER VEHICLE TRAVELING AHEAD OF THEM. OFFICERS FOUND THE PACKAGES OF COCAINE CONCEALED INSIDE THE GAS TANK OF THE VEHICLE. THE DRIVER WAS ARRESTED.
- MAY 05 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 545 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1315 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 281 IN JIM WELLS COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING IN A 1974 FORD VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES EN ROUTE TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, FROM EDINBURG, TEXAS. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE VAN HAD BEEN CONVERTED FROM A RENTAL VEHICLE AND DURING THE PAST TWO YEARS HAD BEEN USED FOR CARRYING USED FURNITURE. DURING A CONSENT SEARCH, OFFICERS DISCOVERED MARIJUANA.
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- MAY 05 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$594,654 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 2030 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES AND ONE LATIN FEMALE WHO WERE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-5 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA NORTE, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MEXICO. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1997 CHEVROLET BLAZER WITH MEXICO PLATES WHICH BELONGED TO THE FEMALE PASSENGER.
- MAY 05 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1615 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN NATIONAL MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-580 IN ALAMEDA COUNTY. THE DRIVER AND OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A SAN LEANDRO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, FROM OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1982 DODGE VAN WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES.

THEY WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN LEANDRO AND OAKLAND FROM SAN FERNANDO, CALIFORNIA. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS DISCOVERED TWO ZIP LOCK BAGS OF METHAMPHETAMINE PARTIALLY FILLED WITH COFFEE LOCATED IN A STORAGE COMPARTMENT. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE.

MAY 06 - THE SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TENNESSEE SEIZED 6 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0300 HOURS. THE LYNWOOD, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM LYNWOOD IN A 1982 AMC EAGLE WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH REVEALED THE METHAMPHETAMINE CONCEALED INSIDE THE ROCKER PANELS OF THE VEHICLE. THE DRIVER WAS ARRESTED.

MAY 06 - THE FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 110 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1815 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-75 IN LEE COUNTY. THE FORT MEYERS, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1988 CHEVROLET VAN WITH FLORIDA PLATES, EN ROUTE TO FORT MEYERS FROM TEXAS. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA HIDDEN INSIDE LUGGAGE AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE. THE DRIVER WAS ARRESTED.

MAY 06 - THE FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AT 2355 HOURS FROM A BLACK MALE AND A LATIN FEMALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON FLORIDA STATE ROUTE 9 IN VOLUSIA COUNTY. THE ABBEVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1993 FORD TEMPO WITH SOUTH CAROLINA PLATES EN ROUTE TO ABBEVILLE. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS DISCOVERED CRACK COCAINE INSIDE THE SPARE TIRE WELL LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

MAY 07 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 8 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1415 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 101 IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY. THE VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WAS DRIVING A 1989 MAZDA WITH

CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO SAN JOSE FROM LOS ANGELES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED, OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE ON THE RIGHT REAR SEAT AND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE TRUNK. THE SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED AND THE VEHICLE WAS SEIZED.

- MAY 07 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 2345 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN NATIONAL MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN MERCED COUNTY. THE OGDEN, UTAH, RESIDENTS, WERE EN ROUTE TO OGDEN FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1981 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA WITH UTAH PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH REVEALED THE METHAMPHETAMINE CONCEALED IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED UNDER THE TRUNK.
- MAY 07 - THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF CRACK COCAINE AT 1400 HOURS FROM A BLACK MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-85 IN ANDERSON COUNTY. THE HAKENSACK, NEW JERSEY, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FROM CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, IN A 1997 FORD CONTOUR. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS DISCOVERED THE CRACK COCAINE HIDDEN INSIDE LUGGAGE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE. THE SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED.
- MAY 07 - THE KENTUCKY STATE POLICE SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0012 HOURS FROM TWO WHITE FEMALES WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-64 IN WOODFORD COUNTY. THE PORTSMOUTH, OHIO, RESIDENT, AND HER PASSENGER FROM SUN VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1986 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL WITH FICTITIOUS TENNESSEE PLATES EN ROUTE TO PORTSMOUTH FROM CALIFORNIA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE OFFICERS DISCOVERED THE THREE BUNDLES OF METHAMPHETAMINE ON THE FLOORBOARD BEHIND THE PASSENGER SEAT.
- MAY 07-- THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 522 GRAMS OF HEROIN AT 0805 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN NATIONAL MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN COLUSA

COUNTY. THE DRIVER AND OWNER, A PALO ALTO RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER FROM REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1978 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS SUPREME WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO PORTLAND, OREGON, FROM PALO ALTO.

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- MAY 08 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 23 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND \$1,527 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1635 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN NATIONAL MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE DRIVER AND OWNER, A TUCSON, ARIZONA, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER FROM TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA NORTE, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1997 DODGE PICKUP WITH ARIZONA PLATES EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES FROM TUCSON. OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE ON THE BACK SEAT OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE.
- MAY 08 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 23 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1430 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN NATIONAL MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-45 IN ORANGE COUNTY. THE GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1988 CHRYSLER WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, FROM LOS ANGELES. THE METHAMPHETAMINE WAS FOUND INSIDE A GIFTWRAPPED PACKAGE DURING AN INVENTORY SEARCH. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE. THE SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED.
- MAY 08 - THE PREMONT TEXAS POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 28 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 0100 HOURS FROM A LATIN COUPLE WHO WERE TRAVELING WITH THREE SMALL CHILDREN (AGES 3-5), ON U.S. 281 IN JIM WELLS COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A SEVENTEEN YEAR-OLD MINOR, AND HIS PASSENGER, BOTH FORT WORTH, TEXAS, RESIDENTS, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1989 FORD AEROSTAR VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, FROM MIGUEL ALEMAN, MEXICO. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE OFFICERS FOUND THE PACKAGES OF COCAINE BEHIND THE AIR CONDITIONING VENT LOCATED

INSIDE A MAN MADE DASHBOARD COMPARTMENT. THE PACKAGES DISPLAYED ONE OF THREE LABELS WITH THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND PICTURES: "THAT GOOD CHAMPION" WITH THE PICTURE OF TWO THUMBS UP; "I LOVE FISHING" WITH THE PICTURE OF A FISH; OR "LLUVIA DE ORO" ON ORANGE PAPER OR TAPE COVERED IN CLEAR PLASTIC. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED BUT DID NOT ALERT ON THE VEHICLE.

MAY 08 - THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1416 HOURS FROM TWO WHITE MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING IN TWO SEPARATE VEHICLES EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN SEVIER COUNTY. THE LITTLETON, COLORADO, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN HIS 1990 CHEVROLET WITH TEMPORARY CALIFORNIA PLATES. A LAKEWOOD, COLORADO, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1989 FORD MUSTANG AS AN ESCORT VEHICLE. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO DENVER, COLORADO, FROM SOUTHERN, CALIFORNIA. THE METHAMPHETAMINE WAS FOUND BY OFFICERS INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED INSIDE THE DOOR PANEL ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE OF THE VEHICLE. THE DRIVER OF THE LOAD VEHICLE INDICATED THAT AN ESCORT VEHICLE WAS TRAVELING ONE HOUR AHEAD OF HIM. A SEARCH OF THE ESCORT VEHICLE REVEALED AN UNLOADED 45 CALIBER AUTOMATIC PISTOL. BOTH OF THE SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.

MAY 08 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1255 HOURS FROM A WHITE COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 101 IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY. THE GRIDLEY, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1990 ACURA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO BUTTE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, FROM LOS ANGELES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE OFFICERS DISCOVERED THE METHAMPHETAMINE CONCEALED INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE RIGHT REAR QUARTER PANEL OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.

CORRECTION: THE HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT FOR WEEK ENDING 05/10/97 REPORTED THAT ON MAY 2 THE GEORGIA STATE PATROL SEIZED \$223,674 IN U. S. CURRENCY.

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THIS CURRENCY SEIZURE WAS ACTUALLY MADE BY THE LOWNDES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA.

OFFICER SAFETY: EPIC RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT SUGAR CUBES HAD BEEN SEIZED ON 04/28/97, AND THEY TESTED POSITIVE FOR AMPHETAMINES. INTELLIGENCE INDICATES THAT THIS IS A NEW TYPE OF DRUG AND EACH PACKET CAN BE PURCHASED FOR \$40. IF ENCOUNTERED, EXTREME CAUTION SHOULD BE USED WHEN HANDLING THIS DRUG. EPIC WILL PASS ON FURTHER INFORMATION WHEN IT IS RECEIVED.

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WEEK ENDING 05/17/97

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- APR 24 - THE TEMPE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ARIZONA SEIZED 107 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1600 HOURS FROM A HISPANIC MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-17 IN COCONINO COUNTY. THE WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1996 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL WITH FLORIDA PLATES EN ROUTE TO OHIO FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A LATIN MALE RESIDENT OF ARIZONA WAS DRIVING A 1993 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL WITH ARIZONA PLATES AS AN ESCORT VEHICLE. OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA DURING A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.
- APR 27 - THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 99 GRAMS OF HEROIN AT 2157 HOURS FROM A BLACK COUPLE WHO WERE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE IN BERGEN COUNTY. THE NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1984 HONDA WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES EN ROUTE TO NEWARK FROM BRONX, NEW YORK. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE SUBJECTS FLED AND DURING THE PURSUIT OFFICERS OBSERVED A BAG BEING THROWN FROM THE VEHICLE WHICH LATER WAS FOUND TO CONTAIN HEROIN.
- MAY 01 - THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 142 GRAMS OF SUSPECTED COLOMBIAN HEROIN AT 0954 HOURS FROM A COLOMBIAN MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE IN BURLINGTON COUNTY. THE

QUEENS, NEW YORK, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1988 LINCOLN WITH NEW YORK PLATES EN ROUTE TO NEWARK, DELAWARE, FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE HEROIN INSIDE A PLASTIC BAG LOCATED IN THE SUBJECT'S WAISTBAND. THE SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED.

MAY 06 - THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1067 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 2330 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN CLARK COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1986 PONTIAC FIREBIRD WITH IOWA PLATES EN ROUTE TO MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA, FROM SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE CONCEALED INSIDE THE HEATER FAN MOTOR CORE AREA. ACCESS WAS GAINED BY REMOVING THE HEATER MOTOR. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.

MAY 10 - THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT IN CALIFORNIA SEIZED 50 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 0930 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE WHO WAS STOPPED FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THE LOS ANGELES RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1988 DODGE RAM CHARGER WITH MEXICO PLATES. THE MULTIPLE-LAYERED SHRINK-WRAPPED PACKAGES OF COCAINE WERE FOUND INSIDE THE GAS TANK. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE.

MAY 11 - THE REFUGIO POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 444 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0104 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 IN REFUGIO COUNTY. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A WHITE TRACTOR PULLING A 1996 DANE FLATBED TRAILER THAT WAS CARRYING A CRANE BOOM, A BUCKET AND HYDRAULIC PISTONS. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO RUSKIN, FLORIDA, FROM EDINBURG, TEXAS. DURING A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH, OFFICERS DISCOVERED THE PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED INSIDE THE LARGE BACKHOE ARM. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE EQUIPMENT. A DRILL WAS USED TO REMOVE THE ACCESS PANEL IN THE ARM OF THE BACKHOE TO RETRIEVE THE MARIJUANA.

- MAY 12 - THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 227 GRAMS OF HEROIN AT 0739 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN NAVAJO COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1987 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS WITH ARIZONA PLATES EN ROUTE TO GALLUP, NEW MEXICO, FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE SEVEN PACKAGES OF HEROIN WERE WRAPPED IN DUCT TAPE AND FOUND HIDDEN BEHIND THE REAR PASSENGER SEAT. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.
- MAY 12 - THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SEIZED 166 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$2,048 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1415 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN HANCOCK COUNTY. THE TROUTDALE, OREGON, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER FROM GAINESVILLE, TEXAS, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1989 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR WITH TEXAS PLATES THAT WAS NOT PULLING A TRAILER. THE OWNER OF THE TRACTOR WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA INSIDE A FALSE FLOOR AND INSIDE FALSE WALLS LOCATED IN THE SLEEPER COMPARTMENT. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED AND THE VEHICLE WAS SEIZED.
- MAY 12 - THE LAFAYETTE PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN LOUISIANA SEIZED 11 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 0016 HOURS FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10. THE BLACK DRIVER AND OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A NEW JERSEY CITY, NEW JERSEY, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER FROM BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1994 NISSAN WITH NEW YORK TEMPORARY PLATES. THE OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE INSIDE 15 SEALED CANS WHICH WERE ATTACHED TO THE INSIDE OF THE GAS TANK BY MAGNETS. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED AND THE VEHICLE WAS SEIZED.
- MAY 13 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 62 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 2035 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE ENSENADA, BAJA CALIFORNIA NORTE, MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1985 DODGE RAM CHARGER WITH BAJA CALIFORNIA NORTE PLATES EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES,

CALIFORNIA, FROM MEXICALI, MEXICO. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE CONCEALED INSIDE A MODIFIED GAS TANK. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE.

MAY 14 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND \$1,128 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1634 HOURS FROM A WHITE FEMALE AND A LATIN MALE WHO WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE MCALESTER, OKLAHOMA, DRIVER AND HER PASSENGER FROM MIDWEST CITY, OKLAHOMA, WERE IN A 1991 CHEVROLET WITH ARKANSAS PLATES EN ROUTE TO OKLAHOMA FROM EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE BETWEEN THE DOOR HINGE AND THE LEFT FRONT FENDER IN THE WHEEL WELL. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE.

MAY 14 - THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 277 GRAMS OF HEROIN AT 1800 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80 IN PERSHING COUNTY. THE SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, RESIDENT, WAS DRIVING A 1982 CHEVROLET S10 PICKUP WITH UTAH PLATES. A RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HER MALE PASSENGER WERE DRIVING A 1995 CHEVROLET PICKUP WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES AS AN ESCORT VEHICLE. THE OWNERS OF BOTH VEHICLES WERE NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE HEROIN CONCEALED INSIDE A FALSE BOTTOM OF AN AEROSOL CAN. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE.

MAY 14 - THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$107,257 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 2150 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE AND TWO LATIN MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-44 IN OKLAHOMA COUNTY IN SEPARATE VEHICLES. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO ODESSA, TEXAS, FROM KANSAS CITY, KANSAS. THE DRIVER OF THE LOAD VEHICLE, A MIDLAND, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1991 DODGE RAM WITH MEXICO PLATES. THE DRIVER OF THE ESCORT VEHICLE, A FORT STOCKTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A

MIDLAND RESIDENT, WERE IN A 1994 GMC PICKUP WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE ESCORT VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE LOAD VEHICLE AND THE REAR PASSENGER AREA OF THE ESCORT VEHICLE. OFFICERS DISCOVERED TEN BUNDLES OF CURRENCY IN THE RIGHT REAR QUARTER PANEL OF THE VAN. [REDACTED]

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- MAY 14 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 464 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND 201 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0615 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING ON HIGHWAY 77 IN WILLACY COUNTY. THE LYNFORD, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1979 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR WITH FICTITIOUS PLATES, PULLING A 1975 TIMPTE TRAILER WITH TEXAS PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND THE PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA AND COCAINE INSIDE DUFFLE BAGS THAT WERE INSIDE A NATURAL COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE FRONT OF THE HOPPER STYLE GRAIN TRAILER. THE DUFFLE BAGS WERE ALL CHAINED TOGETHER.
- MAY 16 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 4 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND \$1,047 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 0805 HOURS FROM A LATIN FEMALE AND A MEXICAN MALE WHO WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND IN GLENN COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A SALEM, OREGON, RESIDENT AND HER PASSENGER FROM SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1996 FORD CONTOUR WITH OREGON PLATES EN ROUTE TO OREGON FROM SAN JOSE. THE SEVEN PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE WERE FOUND INSIDE THE LEFT REAR DOOR OF THE VEHICLE.
- MAY 17 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

SEIZED 182 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2353 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE DRIVING IN A 1996 CHEVROLET SILVERADO WITH MEXICO PLATES. THE VEHICLE WAS OWNED BY A BUSINESS IN MEXICO. THE OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA HIDDEN UNDER A LADDER AND BRIEFCASE WHICH WERE COVERED WITH A BLANKET IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE VEHICLE.

CORRECTION: THE HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT FOR THE WEEK ENDING 05/03/97 REPORTED THAT ON APRIL 29 THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND \$25,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY. THIS SEIZURE WAS ACTUALLY MADE BY THE LABETTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN KANSAS.

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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH NOT REPORTED IN THIS TELETYPE, SEIZURES OF OVER 1 POUND OF COCAINE (454), 10 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA (4,540 GRAMS), 1 OUNCE OF CRACK (28 GRAMS), A GRAM OR MORE OF HEROIN, 454 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF LSD, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND \$1,000 IN DRUG-RELATED CURRENCY ARE CAPTURED IN EPIC'S HIGHWAY SEIZURE DATABASE. THE SIGNIFICANT SEIZURE CRITERIA WAS SET BECAUSE OF THE SHEER NUMBER OF SEIZURES RECEIVED AT EPIC THAT COULD NOT BE PUBLISHED VIA THIS MEDIUM OR VIA THE EPIC MONTHLY THREAT BRIEF.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 05/24/97

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THIS MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS CURRENT DRUG SEIZURES AND INTELLIGENCE THAT IMPACTS AGENCIES INVOLVED IN HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. IT BRIEFLY DISCUSSES THE EVENTS AND GIVES LIMITED INTERPRETATION OF THEIR MEANING. IT IS INTENDED TO ASSIST PLANNERS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

APR 09 - THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$108,614 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1210 HOURS FROM A VENEZUELAN MALE AND A COLOMBIAN MALE WHO WERE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95 IN HALIFAX COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA, WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 NISSAN MAXIMA WITH FLORIDA PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND THE CURRENCY IN THE INTERIOR CENTER CONSOLE, INSIDE A PORTABLE STEREO AND SPEAKERS, AND INSIDE TWO DUFFLE BAGS LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. LARGE BUNDLES OF CURRENCY WERE ALSO FOUND ON THE SUBJECT'S PERSON.

MAY 04 - THE OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN NEBRASKA SEIZED \$404,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1326 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-80 IN DOUGLAS COUNTY. THE LAKE HAVASU, ARIZONA, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN HIS 1986 FORD F250 WITH UTAH PLATES PULLING A RENTED 1992 FOURTEEN FOOT TRAILER WITH TENNESSEE PLATES EN ROUTE TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED ON THE TRAILER. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND INSIDE A DUFFLE BAG AND INSIDE A LARGE CARDBOARD BOX COMMINGLED WITH THE LOAD OF JUNK FURNITURE.

MAY 07 - THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 132 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2110 HOURS

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FROM A LATIN COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44 IN CRAIG COUNTY. THE EDINBURG, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1992 CHEVROLET PICKUP WITH TEXAS PLATES EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON, D.C., FROM BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS. THE DRIVER WAS THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE. OFFICERS FOUND THE 67 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA IN A RAISED FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP. OFFICERS NOTICED FRESH BONDO AND CAULKING AROUND THE BACK END OF THE BED OF THE PICKUP. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.

MAY 09 - THE REFUGIO POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED \$1,214,225 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 0119 HOURS FROM A GUATEMALAN MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 IN REFUGIO COUNTY. THE GUATEMALA RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1990 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR PULLING A 1988 WABASH TRAILER EN ROUTE TO GUATEMALA FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. A 1997 CHEVROLET ASTRO VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES AND A 1994 NISSAN SENTRA WERE BEING CARRIED INSIDE THE TRAILER. ALL THE VEHICLES WERE REGISTERED TO A BUSINESS IN GUATEMALA. OFFICERS FOUND THE CURRENCY WRAPPED IN ALUMINUM FOIL WHICH HAD BEEN PLACED INSIDE THE REAR DOORS OF THE ASTRO VAN. ADDITIONAL CURRENCY WAS FOUND CONCEALED INSIDE TWO CLOTHES DRYERS AND TWO ROASTER OVENS. THE SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED.

MAY 10 - THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 33 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM THREE BLACK MALES AND ONE PUERTO RICAN FEMALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-80 IN WARREN COUNTY. THE ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, DRIVER AND HIS PASSENGERS FROM ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, AND NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1980 CADILLAC WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES EN ROUTE TO ROCHESTER FROM NEWARK. THE PASSENGER FROM NEWARK WAS THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE. WHEN THE OFFICER ASKED THE DRIVER TO EXIT THE VEHICLE HE OBSERVED THE SUBJECT THROW A BROWN PACKAGE INTO THE WOODS. THE PACKAGE WAS RETRIEVED AND FOUND TO CONTAIN CRACK COCAINE AND HEROIN. A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE REVEALED A LARGE AMOUNT OF NARCOTIC PARAPHERNALIA AND PACKAGING MATERIAL. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS

USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE. THE VEHICLE WAS SEIZED AND THE SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.

- MAY 11 - THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE SEIZED 2.3 KILOGRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AT 0916 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN PULASKI COUNTY NEAR LITTLE ROCK. THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1982 DODGE TRUCK WITH MISSISSIPPI PLATES EN ROUTE TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, FROM LOS ANGELES. THE OFFICERS FOUND 5 VACUUM-SEALED BAGS OF CRACK COCAINE INSIDE A VOID AREA OF THE ALUMINUM AIR DAM THAT WAS MOUNTED ON TOP OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE. THE SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.
- MAY 13 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.4 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1345 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES AND ONE MEXICAN FEMALE, WITH A 1-YEAR-OLD CHILD, WHO WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN COLUSA COUNTY. THE FORKS, WASHINGTON, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1979 CHEVROLET CAPRICE WITH WASHINGTON PLATES EN ROUTE TO FORT KNOX, WASHINGTON, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE BEHIND THE FIRE WALL LOCATED IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT.
- MAY 16 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 129 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0955 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 82 IN CROSBY COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1990 FORD PICKUP WITH ARIZONA PLATES TOWING A 1974 MERCEDES BENZ WITH COLORADO PLATES EN ROUTE TO TEXARKANA FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH REVEALED THE MARIJUANA LOCATED INSIDE THE TRUNK OF THE TOWED VEHICLE.
- MAY 19 - THE SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TENNESSEE SEIZED 652 GRAMS OF MEXICAN BLACK TAR HEROIN AND 1.4 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 2345 HOURS FROM AN ASIAN MALE AND A WHITE COUPLE WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN SHELBY COUNTY. THE WALNUT, CALIFORNIA, DRIVER AND HIS PASSENGERS FROM MOUNTAIN VIEW, CALIFORNIA, AND MICHOACAN, MEXICO, WERE

TRAVELING IN A 1996 TOYOTA VAN WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO MIAMI FROM LOS ANGELES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND INSIDE A NATURAL CAVITY LOCATED OVER THE FENDER WELL. THE VEHICLE WAS SEIZED AND THE SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.

- MAY 19 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$207,230 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 0835 HOURS FROM TWO JAMAICAN MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-5 IN ORANGE COUNTY. THE DRIVER FROM BOWIE, MARYLAND, AND HIS PASSENGER, FROM LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, WERE EN ROUTE TO IRVINE, CALIFORNIA, FROM MARYLAND. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1997 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR WITH OKLAHOMA PLATES PULLING A 1990 UTILITY TRAILER WITH OKLAHOMA PLATES. THE TRACTOR-TRAILER WAS REGISTERED TO A BUSINESS LOCATED IN MARYLAND. THE OFFICERS FOUND THE CURRENCY INSIDE A BACKPACK LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THE TRAILER. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE TRAILER.
- MAY 20 - THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 307 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1730 HOURS FROM TWO MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN COCONINO COUNTY. THE DRIVER WAS A COLOMBIAN NATIONAL FROM HILLBURN, NEW YORK, AND HIS PASSENGER WAS A SPANISH NATIONAL FROM SUFFERN, NEW YORK. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1996 FLAIR MOTORHOME WITH WASHINGTON PLATES EN ROUTE TO ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK. THE OFFICERS FOUND THE PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA INSIDE THE CUPBOARDS AND CLOSETS THAT HAD BEEN CLOSED WITH SCREWS. THE MARIJUANA PACKAGES HAD BEEN WRAPPED IN SEVERAL LAYERS OF CELLOPHANE AND HERMETICALLY SEALED IN A PROFESSIONAL MANNER. THE SUBJECTS HAD FLOWN FROM NEW YORK TO LOS ANGELES AND WERE RETURNING TO NEW YORK IN THE MOTORHOME THAT HAD BEEN RENTED BY THE PASSENGER. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.
- MAY 20 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.5 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN AT 1510 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE TOLEDO, OHIO, RESIDENTS, WERE TRAVELING

IN A 1993 FORD WITH OHIO PLATES EN ROUTE TO TOLEDO FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE 4 DUCT-TAPED WRAPPED PACKAGES OF HEROIN INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED BEHIND THE LEFT REAR DOOR PANEL THAT HAD BEEN CUT OPEN BEHIND THE DRINK TRAY. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

MAY 20 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 217 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1145 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES TRAVELING IN CAMERON COUNTY NEAR HARLINGEN. THE BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1994 HONDA 4 DOOR WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT.

MAY 21 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 56 GRAMS OF HEROIN AND 28 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1550 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, RESIDENTS, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1986 MAZDA 323 WITH NEVADA PLATES EN ROUTE TO NEVADA FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE CONTRABAND AND A .38 REVOLVER WERE FOUND IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

MAY 22 - THE FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.6 KILOGRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE, 600 GRAMS OF COCAINE, AND \$6,702 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 0305 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-95 IN BREVARD COUNTY. THE ROCKY MOUNT, NORTH CAROLINA, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1992 NISSAN SENTRA WITH NORTH CAROLINA PLATES EN ROUTE TO ROCKY MOUNT FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND AND CURRENCY INSIDE A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT LOCATED BELOW A WINDOW ON THE PASSENGER'S SIDE OF THE VEHICLE. ACCESS TO THE COMPARTMENT WAS GAINED BY USING A MOTORIZED MECHANISM. THE PACKAGES OF CRACK COCAINE HAD BEEN SMEARED WITH MUSTARD TO ACT AS A MASKING AGENT. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

- MAY 22 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 7 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1450 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN COUPLE WHO WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-35 IN ELLIS COUNTY. THE LAREDO, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1987 PONTIAC WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT.
- MAY 22 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 8.5 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0633 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1987 MAZDA B22 WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE INSIDE A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT IN THE HEAT EXCHANGER VENT LOCATED IN THE DASH AREA OF THE VEHICLE. THE WIPERS AND FAN WERE STILL OPERATIONAL.
- MAY 23 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 142 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A 1984 FORD LTD WITH TEXAS PLATES THAT HAD BEEN ABANDONED IN HILDAGO COUNTY. TWO UNIDENTIFIED SUBJECTS LED THE OFFICER IN A SOUTHBOUND PURSUIT WHICH BEGAN ON U.S. 283 AND FARM TO MARKET ROAD 886 IN SULLIVAN CITY. THE SUBJECTS ENDED UP IN AN OPEN FIELD SOUTH OF LOS EBANOS WHERE THEY ABANDONED THEIR VEHICLE AND FLED ACROSS THE RIVER INTO MEXICO. THE OFFICER FOUND THE MARIJUANA IN THE BACK SEAT AND TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.
- MAY 23 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 202 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2120 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN GRAY COUNTY. THE BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1984 FORD VAN WITH NORTH CAROLINA PLATES EN ROUTE TO NORTH CAROLINA FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA. THE SUBJECT CLAIMED THE VAN'S OWNER WAS FOLLOWING IN A FORD TAURUS. OFFICERS FOUND 20 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA HIDDEN UNDER A FOAM MATTRESS THAT WAS INSIDE A HOMEMADE BED THAT WAS CONSTRUCTED OF PLYWOOD AND WAS COVERED WITH CARPETING.

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AN ADDITIONAL 3 BUNDLES WERE LOCATED INSIDE A 50 GALLON RUBBERMAID CONTAINER. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE.

MAY 24 - THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 470 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1609 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE WHO WAS DRIVING A 1985 CHEVROLET VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE SUBJECT ABANDONED THE VEHICLE AND MADE AN UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPT IN TRYING TO FLEE. OFFICERS FOUND PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA THROUGHOUT THE VEHICLE. THE MARIJUANA WAS WRAPPED IN EITHER CELLOPHANE, PRODUCE BAGS, OR FOIL WITH NUMBERS HANDWRITTEN IN BLACK INK ON THEM.

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WEEK ENDING 05/31/97

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MAY 11 - THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED \$243,830 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 2123 HOURS FROM THREE BRAZILIAN MALES AND TWO HISPANIC FEMALES WHO WERE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS, RESIDENTS OF ORLANDO, FLORIDA, AND EDISON, NEW JERSEY, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1997 PETERBILT TRACTOR TOWING A UTILITY TRAILER BOTH BEARING NEW JERSEY PLATES EN ROUTE TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA FROM MANHATTAN, NEW YORK. THE DRIVER WAS THE OWNER OF THE TRACTOR. A 1992 CHEVROLET ASTRO VAN WITH FICTITIOUS FLORIDA PLATES AND A 1987 PLYMOUTH RELIANT WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES WERE INSIDE THE TRAILER. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OFFICERS FOUND CURRENCY INSIDE TWO PAPER BAGS LOCATED IN THE SLEEPER OF THE TRUCK. CURRENCY WAS ALSO FOUND INSIDE A CHRISTMAS GIFT-WRAPPED BOX LOCATED ON THE FRONT SEAT OF THE CHEVROLET VAN. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE TRAILER.

MAY 15 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 263 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1610 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-30 IN FRANKLIN COUNTY. THE LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1989 TOYOTA TRUCK WITH TEXAS PLATES EN ROUTE TO PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, FROM LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO. THE SUBJECT STATED THAT HE HAD PICKED UP THE MARIJUANA IN

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DALLAS, TEXAS. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA INSIDE CARDBOARD BOXES LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE TRUCK.

- MAY 21 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1550 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN KERN COUNTY. THE SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1991 MERCURY TRACER WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO SALINAS, KANSAS, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE UNDER THE DASH OF THE VEHICLE.
- MAY 21 - THE OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 358 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1059 HOURS FROM TWO WHITE FEMALES WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN PREBLE COUNTY. THE SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1990 FORD 14 FOOT TRUCK WITH EXPIRED OREGON PLATES EN ROUTE TO BRONX, NEW YORK, FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA INSIDE SEVEN CARDBOARD BOXES COMMINGLED WITH FURNITURE AND MATTRESSES IN THE TRUCK'S CARGO AREA. EACH BUNDLE OF MARIJUANA WAS WRAPPED IN 25 LAYERS OF SARAN WRAP. AXLE GREASE WAS SMEARED ON THE 15TH LAYER OF WRAP AND AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION FLUID WAS SMEARED ON THE 20TH LAYER.
- MAY 22 - THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 314 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1523 HOURS FROM A WHITE COUPLE WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN THOMAS COUNTY. THE TUCSON, ARIZONA, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1993 CHEVROLET PICKUP TOWING A POP-UP CAMPER TRAILER, BOTH WITH MASSACHUSETTS PLATES, EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM CHANDLER, ARIZONA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA INSIDE THE CAMPER. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE TRAILER.
- MAY 25 - THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 3.6

KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1050 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN THOMAS COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER FROM SAN SIMEON, CALIFORNIA, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1989 TOYOTA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, FROM WHITTIER. THE DRIVER WAS THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE. OFFICERS FOUND THE SEVEN PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE CONCEALED

[REDACTED] BOTH SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.

- MAY 26 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 173 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1100 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON HIGHWAY 16 IN DUVAL COUNTY. THE SUBJECT ABANDONED THE 1985 LINCOLN TOWNCAR WITH TEXAS PLATES APPROXIMATELY 5 MILES SOUTH OF FREER AND WAS NOT APPREHENDED. OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA INSIDE THE VEHICLE.
- MAY 26 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 123 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1910 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON STATE ROAD 111 IN IMPERIAL COUNTY. THE MEXICALI, MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1982 BUICK CENTURY WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO IMPERIAL, CALIFORNIA, FROM CALEXICO, MEXICO. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND HIDDEN INSIDE FIVE LARGE SACKS LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.
- MAY 26 - THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 107 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1435 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44 IN LAWRENCE COUNTY. THE MCALLEN, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1990 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN WITH ILLINOIS PLATES EN ROUTE TO ILLINOIS FROM TEXAS. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE 15 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE VEHICLE.
- MAY 27 - THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED

3 KILOGRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AT 1508 HOURS FROM A JAMAICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-85 IN GUILFORD COUNTY. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1990 CHEVROLET VAN WITH VIRGINIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, FROM MIAMI. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND TWO BUNDLES OF CRACK COCAINE WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE CEILING OF THE VAN. THE SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED.

MAY 27 - THE NEW MEXICO HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 124 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2000 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON STATE ROAD 146 IN GRANT COUNTY. THE CUAUHTEMOC, CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1993 DODGE PICKUP WITH NEW MEXICO PLATES EN ROUTE TO SOCORRO, NEW MEXICO, FROM CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND 64 PLASTIC WRAPPED BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA

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MAY 27 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 7.5 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1650 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN COUPLE WHO WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TEXAS, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, AND THEIR INTENDED ROUTE WAS I-10 TO I-15 TO I-40. THE PANORAMA CITY, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HER PASSENGER FROM GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1988 CHEVROLET ASTRO VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC WRAP INSIDE THE REAR DOORS OF THE VAN. COFFEE HAD BEEN USED AS A MASKING AGENT. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VAN.

MAY 28 - THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5.7 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND \$7,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 2243 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN

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COUPLE WHO WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN CLARK COUNTY. THE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1994 CHEVROLET WITH ILLINOIS PLATES EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO FROM CALIFORNIA. THE PASSENGER WAS THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE INSIDE A PARTIALLY CONSTRUCTED FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED BETWEEN THE TRUNK AND THE BACK SEAT. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN A BATTERY THAT WAS IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.

MAY 29 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1.2 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 2034 HOURS FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE BELL GARDEN, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1990 NISSAN SENTRA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE HIDDEN INSIDE THE QUARTER PANELS OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE CAR.

MAY 29 - THE TUCSON POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ARIZONA SEIZED 197 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA, 2.3 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, AND 680 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 2030 HOURS FROM A COUPLE WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND IN PIMA COUNTY. THE TUCSON, ARIZONA, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED BOUNDER MOTORHOME WITH ARIZONA PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE AND METHAMPHETAMINE INSIDE THE FREEZER IN THE MOTORHOME. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND IN EXISTING COMPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MOTORHOME. A LOADED 9 MM WEAPON WAS FOUND UNDERNEATH THE FRONT SEAT. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.

MAY 30 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 2 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, 1.2 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, AND \$1,025 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1055 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO

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COUNTY. THE CORONA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1994 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, FROM CORONA. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE DASH AREA. THE OFFICERS FOUND FOUR PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND TWO PACKAGES OF COCAINE AFTER THEY REMOVED THE WINDSHIELD ACCESSED THE FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE DASH OF THE VEHICLE.

MAY 31 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0738 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN COLUSA COUNTY. THE FONTANA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER FROM SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 DODGE WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO OREGON FROM SANTA ANA. THE OFFICER FOUND THREE PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE UNDER THE SEAT OF THE VEHICLE.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 06/07/97

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APR 26 - THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 100 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2313 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN FEMALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-12 IN ST. TAMMANY PARISH. THE DRIVER, A BOYNTON BEACH, FLORIDA, RESIDENT AND HER PASSENGER FROM BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, WERE TRAVELING FROM BROWNSVILLE IN A 1991 FORD AEROSTAR WITH TEXAS PLATES. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE UNABLE TO IDENTIFY THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THREE DUFFLE BAGS WITH MARIJUANA LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE.

MAY 07 - THE SAN ANTONIO POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 601 GRAMS OF SUSPECTED BLACK TAR HEROIN AT 1150 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING IN A TAXI. AFTER A CANINE ALERT, OFFICERS FOUND THE HEROIN ON THE SUBJECT.

MAY 25 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 6 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 0820 HOURS FROM A LATIN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 59 IN PANOLA COUNTY NEAR CARTHAGE. THE CHAMBLEE, GEORGIA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1988 CADILLAC DEVILLE WITH GEORGIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO CHAMBLEE FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE SIX PACKAGES OF COCAINE HIDDEN INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED BEHIND THE GLOVE BOX IN THE DASH OF THE VEHICLE. THE OFFICERS BECAME SUSPICIOUS WHEN THEY

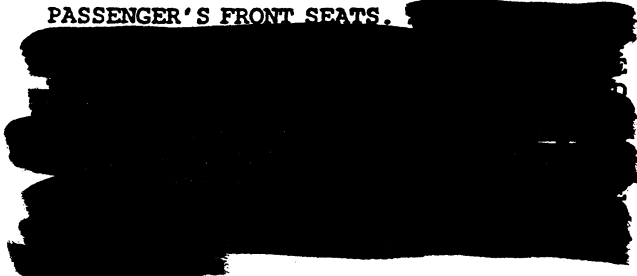
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NOTICED SCREWS INSIDE THE GLOVE BOX AND ON THE TOP OF THE DASH HOLDING THE DEFROST VENTS IN PLACE. THE COMPARTMENT WAS ACCESSED BY AN ELECTRONIC SWITCH WHICH CONTROLLED A HYDRAULIC LIFT THAT RAISED THE TOP PORTION OF THE DASH. A CONTROLLED DELIVERY OF COCAINE WAS CONDUCTED IN DECATUR, GEORGIA, WHICH RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF TWO PUERTO RICAN MALES.

MAY 25 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 150 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1535 HOURS FROM A BLACK MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN BROOKSHIRE, WALLER COUNTY. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING IN HIS 1996 MAZDA WITH TEXAS PLATES EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON FROM BRENHAM, TEXAS. THE COCAINE WAS FOUND INSIDE GYM AND DUFFLE BAGS LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

MAY 28 - THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE SEIZED 40 GRAMS OF UNIDENTIFIED HEROIN AND ONE KILOGRAM OF COCAINE AT 1610 HOURS FROM THREE LATIN MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 13 IN WICOMICO COUNTY. THE NEW YORK, NEW YORK, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO VIRGINIA FROM NEW YORK IN A 1988 DODGE CARAVAN WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS DISCOVERED THE COCAINE AND 100 SMALL PACKAGES OF HEROIN CONCEALED INSIDE TWO-BOX SHAPED FALSE COMPARTMENTS LOCATED UNDER THE DRIVER'S AND PASSENGER'S FRONT SEATS.



JUN 01 - THE COLORADO HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 2 KILOGRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AT 0600 HOURS FROM A NATIVE AMERICAN COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-25 IN LAS ANIMAS COUNTY NEAR TRINIDAD. THE GARRISON, MINNESOTA, RESIDENTS, WERE

EN ROUTE TO MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, FROM LOS ANGELES IN THE DRIVER'S 1993 MERCURY TOPAZ WITH MINNESOTA PLATES. DURING A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CRACK COCAINE INSIDE A ZIPLOCK BAG LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE. THE DRIVER WAS ARRESTED.

JUN 03 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2115 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0834 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO, COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICATA, OKLAHOMA, FROM LOS ANGELES IN THE DRIVER'S 1985 OLDSMOBILE 98 WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE HIDDEN INSIDE THE REAR SEAT'S BACK CUSHION OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE.

JUN 03 - THE VIRGINIA STATE POLICE SEIZED 303 GRAMS OF BROWN HEROIN AT 0954 HOURS FROM A TRINIDADIAN MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 13 IN ACCOMACK COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING HIS 1995 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX WITH NEW YORK PLATES EN ROUTE TO NORFOLK, VIRGINIA FROM BRONX, NEW YORK. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE. OFFICERS FOUND THE HEROIN INSIDE A SMALL PAPER BAG LOCATED UNDER THE DRIVER'S SEAT. THE BAG HAD BEEN SMEARED WITH A CLEAR JELLY-LIKE SUBSTANCE.

JUN 03 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 28.3 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1430 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN COUPLE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10 IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE SONORA, MEXICO, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1974 CHEVROLET WITH ARIZONA PLATES EN ROUTE TO LOS, ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE CONCEALED IN THE FENDER WELLS, AND INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE FIREWALL AIR VENTS. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE.

- JUN 03 - THE FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$234,630 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10 IN LEON COUNTY NEAR TALLAHASSEE. THE OSWEGO, ILLINOIS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1994 DODGE PICKUP TRUCK WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND BY OFFICERS INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE WHEEL WELL OF THE VEHICLE AND ON THE DRIVER.
- JUN 05 - THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 27 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND \$6,463 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 2000 HOURS FROM A BAHAMIAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-95 IN JOHNSTON COUNTY. THE ORLANDO, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1996 PONTIAC GRAND AM EN ROUTE POSSIBLY TO NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, FROM ORLANDO, FLORIDA. DURING A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE AND CURRENCY INSIDE A DUFFLE BAG LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE PACKAGES OF COCAINE HAD THE LETTERS "AA" OR "CC" MARKED ON THEM. CURRENCY WAS ALSO FOUND IN THE CENTER ARMREST OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE. THE SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED.
- JUN 06 - THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 209 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1050 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-12 IN TANGIPARHOA PARISH. THE SLOCOMB, ALABAMA, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1992 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR PULLING A 1995 UTILITY TRAILER, BOTH WITH ALABAMA PLATES, EN ROUTE TO DOTHAN, ALABAMA, FROM EL PASO, TEXAS. THE OFFICERS SEARCHED THE TRACTOR AND FOUND THE MARIJUANA INSIDE THE SLEEPER UNDER THE MATTRESS. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.
- JUN 06 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.4 KILOGRAMS OF UNIDENTIFIED HEROIN AT 1945 HOURS FROM TWO LATIN MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1985 FORD MUSTANG WITH COLORADO PLATES EN ROUTE TO DENVER, COLORADO, FROM EL MONTE. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT

PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE HEROIN INSIDE AN ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE DASH OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE.

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WEEK ENDING 06/14/97

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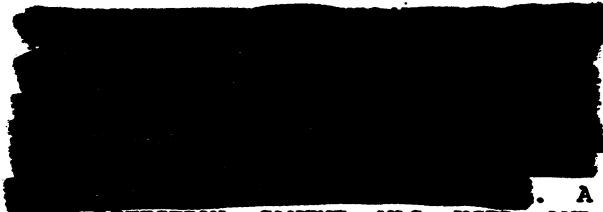
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- MAY 06 - THE DELAWARE STATE POLICE SEIZED \$109,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1210 HOURS FROM A DOMINICAN NATIONAL WHO WAS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-95 IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY. THE LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1992 MERCURY MARQUIS WITH PENNSYLVANIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO LANCASTER FROM BALTIMORE, MARYLAND. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CURRENCY INSIDE A DUFFLE BAG UNDER SOME UNIFORMS THAT WERE COVERED WITH PLASTIC IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE SUBJECT HAD FLOWN FROM ARUBA TO NEWARK ON MAY 5.
- MAY 15 - THE TAYLOR POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MICHIGAN SEIZED 141 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1100 HOURS FROM TWO WHITE MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-94 IN WAYNE COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A DETROIT, MICHIGAN, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS, WERE EN ROUTE TO DETROIT FROM HOUSTON. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A FORD TRUCK WHICH HAD BEEN RENTED IN HOUSTON ON MAY 10. DURING A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA INSIDE SEVEN CARDBOARD BOXES LOCATED BEHIND NEW AND USED FURNITURE IN THE CARGO AREA OF TRUCK. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.
- MAY 17 - THE NEBRASKA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 9.7 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1115 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING

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EASTBOUND ON I-80 IN HAMILTON COUNTY. THE FORT WAYNE, INDIANA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1985 BUICK WITH INDIANA PLATES EN ROUTE TO FORT WAYNE FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED BETWEEN THE TRUNK AND THE BACK SEAT OF THE VEHICLE.



. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

MAY 20 - THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED \$198, 560 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 2322 HOURS FROM TWO COLOMBIAN MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE IN BURLINGTON COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A BOGOTA, COLOMBIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA, WERE EN ROUTE TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA, FROM MANHATTAN, NEW YORK. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 PONTIAC WITH FLORIDA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND MOST OF THE CURRENCY INSIDE A CANVAS BAG LOCATED ON THE BACK SEAT OF THE VEHICLE. ADDITIONAL CURRENCY WAS SEIZED FROM THE SUBJECTS PERSON.

MAY 27 - THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 142 GRAMS OF HEROIN AT 1233 HOURS FROM THREE BLACK MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE IN BERGEN COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGERS FROM CHESAPEAKE, AND PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA, WERE EN ROUTE TO NORFOLK FROM BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. THEY WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 PONTIAC WITH VIRGINIA PLATES. DURING A PAT DOWN SEARCH, THE OFFICER FOUND THE HEROIN ON THE DRIVER. THE SUBJECT ALSO HAD A FOLDED DOLLAR BILL CONTAINING HEROIN ON HIS PERSON. ALL SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.

JUN 01 - THE COLORADO HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 2 KILOGRAMS OF CRACK

COCAINE AT 0600 HOURS FROM A NATIVE AMERICAN COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-25 IN LAS ANIMAS COUNTY NEAR TRINIDAD. THE GARRISON, MINNESOTA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN A BUSINESS-OWNED 1993 MERCURY TOPAZ WITH MINNESOTA PLATES. DURING A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND CRACK COCAINE INSIDE A ONE-GALLON ZIPLOCK BAG LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE. THE DRIVER WAS ARRESTED.

JUN 04 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1,769 GRAMS OF UNIDENTIFIED HEROIN AT 1649 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN FRESNO COUNTY. THE EAST PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1988 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO EAST PALO ALTO FROM GRAPEVINE, CALIFORNIA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE HEROIN INSIDE A SPARE TIRE LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE SUBJECTS' INTENDED ROUTE OF TRAVEL WAS I-5 TO STATE ROUTE 152 TO U.S. 101.

JUN 08 - THE SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TENNESSEE SEIZED 5.4 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN SHELBY COUNTY. THE CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1987 CHEVROLET WITH OHIO PLATES EN ROUTE TO TOLEDO, OHIO, FROM CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE INSIDE THE AIR CONDITIONER BLOWER UNIT OF THE VEHICLE. THE SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED.

JUN 09 - THE TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 182 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$3,100 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO WHITE MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN DICKSON COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A SEBASTIAN, FLORIDA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER FROM VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA, WERE EN ROUTE TO NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, FROM AN UNKNOWN LOCATION IN CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1989 TOYOTA VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES.

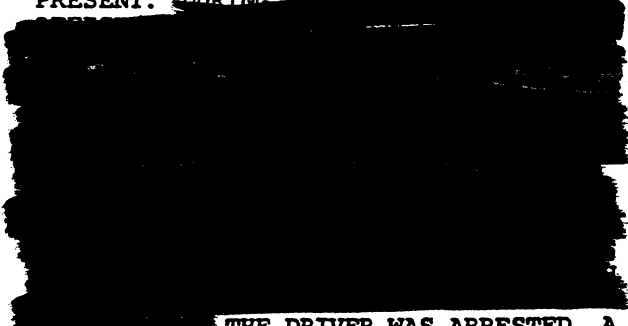
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DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND A BOX CONTAINING MARIJUANA INSIDE NYLON DUFFLE BAGS LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE VAN. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND ON THE DRIVER. THE RENTER OF THE VEHICLE WAS LATER APPREHENDED AT A HOTEL IN TENNESSEE.

JUN 09 - THE SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TENNESSEE SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 163 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A WHITE COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-240 IN SHELBY COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A CORONA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER FROM RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, WERE EN ROUTE TO NORTH CAROLINA FROM CALIFORNIA. THEY WERE TRAVELING IN A 1994 BOUNDER MOTORHOME WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA UNDER THE REAR BED OF THE MOTORHOME. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.

JUN 10 - THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$128,590 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 0655 HOURS FROM A PUERTO RICAN MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95 IN NASH COUNTY. THE ROYAL PALM BEACH, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1996 HONDA ODYSSEY WITH MASSACHUSETTS PLATES EN ROUTE TO SOUTHERN FLORIDA, FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING



THE DRIVER WAS ARRESTED. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

JUNE 10 - THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 56 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1320 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 NEAR COLBY IN THOMAS COUNTY. THE OHELLO, WASHINGTON,

RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1993 JEEP CHEROKEE WITH OHIO PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE INSIDE THE DOORS OF THE VEHICLE.

- JUN 11 - THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE SEIZED 114 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2000 HOURS FROM TWO MALES WHO WERE STOPPED IN DONA ANA COUNTY. THE SUNLAND PARK, NEW MEXICO, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER FROM CANUTILLO, TEXAS, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1986 CADILLAC. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.
- JUN 11 - THE EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 145 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1337 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10 IN EL PASO COUNTY. THE CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1985 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA INSIDE 10 BURLAP SACKS THAT WERE COVERED WITH MJD IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE SUBJECT GAVE A FALSE NAME AND ENTERED THE UNITED STATES ILLEGALLY. A DRUG DETECTION-CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.
- JUNE 11 - THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 152 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2030 HOURS FROM TWO HISPANIC MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-55 IN BUTLER COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A BOARDMAN, OREGON, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER FROM PASCO, WASHINGTON, WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1988 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH OREGON PLATES, PULLING A BUSINESS-OWNED 1995 UTILITY TRAILER WITH MICHIGAN PLATES. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO WAUWATOSA, WISCONSIN, FROM MCALLEN, TEXAS. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA HIDDEN INSIDE CARDBOARD BIN BOXES LOCATED AT THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER UNDER A LOAD OF WATERMELONS. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE. ALL SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.
- JUN 12 - THE WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE SEIZED

\$146,646 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1630 HOURS FROM A CUBAN MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-77 IN FAYETTE COUNTY. THE DETROIT, MICHIGAN, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1982 FORD CROWN VICTORIA WITH OHIO PLATES EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM CLEVELAND, OHIO. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND TWO BUNDLES OF CURRENCY HIDDEN INSIDE A COMPARTMENT LOCATED UNDER THE REAR SEAT. THE OFFICERS NOTICED AN UNSECURED PANEL IN THE RIGHT REAR PASSENGER AREA AND WHEN THEY PULLED IT OUT IT REVEALED A NATURAL VOID IN THE RIGHT REAR QUARTER PANEL. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

JUN 12 - THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TENNESSEE SEIZED 77,586 DOSAGE UNITS OF VALIUM AND XANAX AT 1230 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN SHELBY COUNTY. THE FOURMILE, KENTUCKY, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A RENTED 1997 BUICK REGAL WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES EN ROUTE TO FOURMILE, KENTUCKY, FROM LAREDO, TEXAS. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND A TOTE BAG CONTAINING THE VALIUM AND XANAX TABLETS INSIDE 29 DUCT TAPED BUNDLES THAT WERE FURTHER PLACED INSIDE ONE-GALLON SIZE FREEZER BAGS. THE SUBJECT STATED THAT HE USUALLY FLIES BY DELTA AIRLINES FROM LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY, TO ATLANTA WITH HIS FINAL DESTINATION BEING SAN ANTONIO. THIS WAS HIS FOURTH TRIP AND HE WOULD ALWAYS RETURN TO FOURMILE, KENTUCKY, BY RENTAL VEHICLE.

SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES FOR INCLUSION IN THIS MESSAGE ARE DEFINED AS FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE; ONE HUNDRED (100) KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA; TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN; FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK; ONE (1) KILOGRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE; AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH NOT REPORTED IN THIS TELETYPE, SEIZURES OF OVER 1 POUND OF COCAINE (454), 10 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA (4,540 GRAMS), 1 OUNCE OF CRACK (28 GRAMS), A GRAM OR MORE OF HEROIN, 454 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF LSD, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND \$1,000 IN DRUG-RELATED CURRENCY ARE CAPTURED IN EPIC'S HIGHWAY SEIZURE DATABASE. THE

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WEEK ENDING 06/21/97

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JUN 08 - THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE IN MERCER COUNTY SEIZED 8 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1315 HOURS FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-80 IN MERCER COUNTY. THE NEW YORK, NEW YORK, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1989 BUICK REGAL WITH NEW YORK PLATES EN ROUTE TO CLEVELAND, OHIO, FROM QUEENS, NEW YORK. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH,

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A DRUG-DETECTION DOG WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

JUN 12 - THE MOSS POINT POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MISSISSIPPI SEIZED \$207,100 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 2328 HOURS FROM A HISPANIC FEMALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10 IN JACKSON COUNTY. THE BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HER 1991 PLYMOUTH VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES EN ROUTE TO BROWNSVILLE FROM WACHULA, FLORIDA. THE OFFICERS FOUND THE CURRENCY HIDDEN INSIDE THE DOOR OF THE VAN.

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- JUN 12 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, APPROXIMATELY 100 KILOGRAMS OF EPHEDRINE, AND \$5000 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1235 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING WITH THREE SMALL CHILDREN SOUTHBOUND ON I-805 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO TIJUANA, MEXICO FROM ESCONDIDO IN A 1985 TOYOTA TERCEL WITH MEXICO PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE ON THE REAR SEAT AND IN THE SPARE TIRE AREA OF THE VEHICLE. DURING A SEARCH OF THE SUBJECT'S RESIDENCE IN ESCONDIDO, OFFICERS FOUND APPROXIMATELY 218 KILOGRAMS OF EPHEDRINE, A LOADED S&W 9MM AND A LOADED FULLY AUTOMATIC AK-47.
- JUN 13 - THE RANKIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSISSIPPI SEIZED 103 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1420 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING ON I-20 NEAR BRANDON. THE EVANSVILLE, INDIANA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, FROM MICHIGAN IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1978 KENWORTH TRACTOR PULLING A 1994 TRAILER, BOTH WITH ILLINOIS PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA INSIDE THE GAS TANK. THE VEHICLE WAS SEIZED AND THE SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED.
- JUN 13 - THE SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TENNESSEE SEIZED 10 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1607 HOURS FROM THREE BLACK MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-240. THE DRIVER FROM JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, AND HIS PASSENGERS FROM FRESNO AND MORENO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, WERE EN ROUTE TO FRESNO FROM JACKSON. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1985 SOUTHWIND MOTORHOME WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE PASSENGER FROM FRESNO WAS THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE. THE SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED AND THE VEHICLE WAS SEIZED.
- JUN 14 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 593 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$11,600 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 0210 HOURS FROM A BLACK MALE TRAVELING ON U.S. 281 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1989 KENWORTH TRACTOR PULLING A 1989 DORSEY

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TRAILER, BOTH WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES, EN ROUTE TO READING, MASSACHUSETTS FROM MCALLEN, TEXAS. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA AND CURRENCY INSIDE THE TRAILER COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF LIMES AND JICIMAS.

JUN 16 - THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE SEIZED 5 KILOGRAMS OF SUSPECTED COLOMBIAN HEROIN AT 1010 HOURS FROM A DOMINICAN MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-80 IN MERCER COUNTY. THE BRONX, NEW YORK, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1988 MAZDA MX6 WITH MASSACHUSETTS PLATES EN ROUTE TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN, FROM BRONX. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE HEROIN CONCEALED INSIDE TWO ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED FALSE COMPARTMENTS LOCATED IN BOTH REAR SIDE PANELS BETWEEN THE WINDOWS AND ARMRESTS OF THE VEHICLE. THE CYLINDRICAL-SHAPED HEROIN WAS FOUND INSIDE TEN ZIPLOCK BAGS, WRAPPED IN GARBAGE BAGS, THEN WRAPPED IN GREY DUCT TAPE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

JUN 16 - THE PECOS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED 148 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1055 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON HIGHWAY 67 IN PECOS COUNTY. THE ODESSA, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1986 FORD AEROSTAR WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND 10 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC WITH THE MARKING "#S". THIS VAN WAS STOPPED PREVIOUSLY ON MAY 19, BY THE ODESSA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS WITH 2.2 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA.

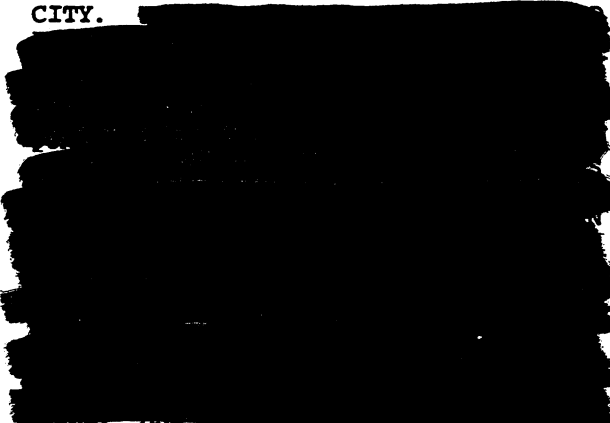
JUN 16 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 399 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0415 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 281 SOUTH OF FM 490 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE MIRAMAR, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A COMPANY-OWNED 1989 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH FLORIDA PLATES TOWING A 1994 UTILITY TRAILER WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO CHELSEA, MASSACHUSETTS FROM HIDALGO, TEXAS. DURING A CONSENSUAL

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SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA HIDDEN WITHIN A LOAD OF LIMES. THE SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED.

JUN 16 - THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA METRO INTERDICTION TEAM STOPPED A VEHICLE FOR SPEEDING AND SEIZED 7.3 KILOGRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE FROM A BLACK MALE DRIVER. THE OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1995 FORD ESCORT STATION WAGON WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. IT WAS BELIEVED THAT THE CONTRABAND CAME FROM THE SOUTHERN TEXAS AREA AND WAS DESTINED TO OKLAHOMA CITY.



SUBSEQUENT TO THE ARREST, A SEARCH WARRANT WAS ISSUED AT A RESIDENCE WHERE A BLACK FEMALE AND AN IRANIAN MALE WERE ARRESTED. THERE WERE SMALL AMOUNTS OF COCAINE, CRACK COCAINE, MARIJUANA AND PCP ALONG WITH A LOADED AK-47 AND A .380 PISTOL ALSO FOUND AT THE RESIDENCE. ON MAY 28, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM THE SAME YEAR/MAKE/MODEL VEHICLE WITH AN IDENTICAL COMPARTMENT. THE COCAINE WAS BELIEVED TO BE EN ROUTE TO OKLAHOMA CITY, DALLAS OR HOUSTON.

JUN 17 - THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.2 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1000 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING IN OKLAHOMA CITY. THE OKLAHOMA CITY RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1993 CHEVROLET CORVETTE WITH OKLAHOMA PLATES AND THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING AN INVENTORY SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE ON THE FLOOR

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OF THE PASSENGER SIDE OF THE VEHICLE. GREASE AND MOLASSES WERE USED AS MASKING AGENTS. A LOADED 45MM PISTOL WAS ALSO FOUND. THE SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED.

- JUN 18 - THE TOHONO O'DHAM ARIZONA, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 110 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2100 HOURS FROM AN AMERICAN INDIAN COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON FEDERAL ROUTE 19 IN PIMA COUNTY. THE SELLS, ARIZONA, SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO TUCSON FROM MEXICO IN THE DRIVER'S 1995 FORD ASPIRE WITH ARIZONA PLATES. A LEASED 1997 FORD F-150 PICKUP WITH TWO MEXICAN MALES AND ONE AMERICAN INDIAN MALE WAS TRAVELING AS AN ESCORT VEHICLE. THE DRIVER, SHOWING AN EL MIRAGE, ARIZONA, ADDRESS, WAS DRIVING A LEASED 1997 FORD F150. DURING AN INVENTORY SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE INSIDE BURLAP BAGS LOCATED IN THE TRUNK AREA OF THE VEHICLE.
- JUN 18 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 240 GRAMS OF HEROIN AT 1150 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON STATE ROUTE 152 IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THE PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1988 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO PALO ALTO FROM LOS ANGELES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE HEROIN TAPED TO THREE HIDE-A-KEYS LOCATED ON THE REAR BUMPER OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.
- JUN 18 - THE EL PASO POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 314 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 0904 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 54 IN EL PASO COUNTY. THE BOSWELL, OKLAHOMA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1979 WINNEBAGO WITH OKLAHOMA PLATES EN ROUTE TO INDIANA FROM EL PASO. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OFFICERS FOUND 112 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE IN A CLOSET AND 202 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE IN THE RIGHT BENCH SEAT OF THE MOTORHOME.
- JUN 19 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 317 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON

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I-10 IN EL PASO COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1987 DODGE RAMCHARGER WITH TEXAS PLATES WHICH BELONGED TO A DIFFERENT VEHICLE. OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA INSIDE THREE WET TRASH BAGS LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE VEHICLE.

JUN 19 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1645 HOURS FROM TWO HISPANIC MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE PORTALES, NEW MEXICO, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW MEXICO FROM POMONA, CALIFORNIA, IN THE PASSENGER'S 1996 PONTIAC GRAND AM WITH NEW MEXICO PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE INSIDE LUGGAGE LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

JUN 20 - THE BEAUMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 916 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1007 HOURS FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN JEFFERSON COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO TAMPA, FLORIDA, FROM MCALLEN, TEXAS, IN A 1990 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR PULLING A UTILITY TRAILER BOTH WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA AT THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER BEHIND A LOAD OF LIMES AND MANGOS.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
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JUNE 21 - THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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SEIZED 454 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1600 HOURS FROM A BLACK MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN COCONINO COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A RENTED 1997 GMC TRUCK WITH OHIO PLATES EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA. OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE TRUCK WHICH WAS LOADED WITH FURNITURE.

JUN 22 - THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED \$272,865 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1315 HOURS FROM A LATIN COUPLE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 59 IN VICTORIA COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1986 HONDA WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CURRENCY HIDDEN IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT.

JUN 22 - THE OKLAHOMA CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN OKLAHOMA, SEIZED 170 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$17,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 0100 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-40 IN OKLAHOMA COUNTY. THE EL PASO, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1978 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR WITH TEXAS PLATES EN ROUTE TO OKLAHOMA CITY FROM EL PASO. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA AND THE CURRENCY INSIDE A TOOL BOX WHICH HAD BEEN BUILT ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE TRACTOR AND RAN THE ENTIRE WIDTH OF THE CAB. A LARGE HOLE HAD BEEN CUT IN THE CENTER OF THE BOX TO HIDE THE CONTRABAND. THE MARIJUANA WAS COMPRESSED WITH A HYDRAULIC PRESS AND PLACED IN VACUUM-SEALED PACKAGES.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 67/05/97

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THIS MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS CURRENT DRUG SEIZURES AND INTELLIGENCE THAT IMPACTS AGENCIES INVOLVED IN HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. IT BRIEFLY DISCUSSES THE EVENTS AND GIVES LIMITED INTERPRETATION OF THEIR MEANING. IT IS INTENDED TO ASSIST PLANNERS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

JUN 13 - NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 660 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AT 1450 HOURS FROM THREE BLACK MALES, ONE OF WHICH WAS A JAMAICAN NATIONAL. THE DRIVER, A LAURELTON, NEW YORK, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGERS FROM HACKENSACK, NEW JERSEY, AND ROSEDALE, NEW YORK, WERE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-40 IN GUILFORD COUNTY EN ROUTE TO WINSTON/SALEM, NORTH CAROLINA, FROM QUEENS, NEW YORK. IN A RELATED 1997 FORD TAURUS WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE DUCT-TAPED WRAPPED PACKAGES OF CRACK COCAINE INSIDE THE AIR FILTER OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

JUN 26 - CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 12 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0900 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN SHASTA COUNTY. THE KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1990 TOYOTA COROLLA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO PORTLAND, OREGON, FROM LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT.
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JUN 29 - ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MISSOURI SEIZED 454 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A HISPANIC COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44 IN ST. LOUIS
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WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO FROM TULSA,
OKLAHOMA, IN A 1989 TOYOTA RENTAL TRUCK
WITH PENNSYLVANIA PLATES. THE MARIJUANA
WAS FOUND INSIDE 18 LARGE BOXES LOCATED
IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE TRUCK. THE
SUBJECTS HAD FLOWN FROM EL PASO TO TULSA
AND THEN RENTED THE TRUCK.

JUN 29 - NEBRASKA STATE PATROL SEIZED 10
KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND 667 GRAMS OF
METHAMPHETAMINE AT 2030 HOURS FROM A
MEXICAN MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING EASTBOUND
ON I-86 IN SARPY COUNTY NEAR OMAHA. THE
SUNLAND PARK, NEW MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS
DRIVING HIS 1988 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH
TEXAS PLATES EN ROUTE TO PERRY, IOWA,
FROM EL PASO, TEXAS. THE CONTRABAND WAS
FOUND BEHIND THE PLASTIC MOLDING IN AN
EXISTING COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE
WHEEL WELL AREA OF THE TRUNK.

JUN 30 - CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 7.6
KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1900
HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING
NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN KERN COUNTY. THE
DINUBA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING
A 1988 CHEVROLET BERETTA WITH CALIFORNIA
PLATES EN ROUTE TO FRESNO FROM LOS
ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE OWNER OF THE
VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING AN

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INVENTORY SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE
METHAMPHETAMINE WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE
INSIDE PAPER GROCERY BAGS. FABRIC
SOFTENER SHEETS HAD BEEN USED AS A
MASKING AGENT. THE SUBJECT IS AN
ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT.

JUN 30 - OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$116,000
IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 4400 HOURS FROM TWO.

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HISPANIC MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-35 IN KAY COUNTY. THE ODessa, TEXAS. RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE PASSENGER'S 1984 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN WITH TEXAS PLATES EN ROUTE TO MEXICO FROM KANSAS CITY, KANSAS. OFFICERS FOUND THE !! BUNDLES OF CURRENCY CONCEALED IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED UNDER THE BACK SEAT OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

JUN 30 - MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 7.3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1716 HOURS FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 60 IN TEXAS COUNTY NEAR WILLOW SPRINGS. THE POMONA, CALIFORNIA. RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM POMONA IN A 1987 BUICK RIVIERA WITH UTAH PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE CONCEALED IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE GAS TANK OF THE VEHICLE. ACCESS TO THE COMPARTMENT WAS GAINED THROUGH A PANEL LOCATED UNDER THE REAR PASSENGER SEAT. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

JUN 30 - MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 325 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 0900 HOURS FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44 IN NEWTON COUNTY NEAR JOPLIN. THE LA MESA, NEW MEXICO. RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1989 FREIGHTLINER CONVENTIONAL PULLING A FLATBED TRAILER THAT WAS HAULING TWO MOTORS AND AN INOPERABLE REFRIGERATED STRAIGHT TRUCK EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. FROM LA MESA. THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER BOTH HAD NEW MEXICO PLATES. THE COCAINE WAS CONCEALED INSIDE TWO FALSE COMPARTMENTS LOCATED IN THE WALLS OF THE TRUCK. A LICENSE AND WEIGHT INSPECTOR NOTED A HEIGHT VIOLATION ON THE BOX TRUCK AND DISCREPANCIES IN THE PAPERWORK RELATING TO THE TRUCK AND MOTORS. SOME OF THE PACKAGES OF COCAINE BORE THE MARKINGS "CLOUD" AND "PARE". A SUCCESSFUL CONTROLLED DELIVERY WAS MADE TO CHICAGO.

JUL 01 - LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED \$121,021 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 0744 HOURS FROM A BLACK MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10 IN JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A RENTED 1997 FORD WITH LOUISIANA PLATES EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, FROM DALLAS, TEXAS. OFFICERS FOUND THE MONEY INSIDE THE REAR QUARTER PANELS OF THE VEHICLE.

JUL 02 - ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 1.1 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A WHITE MALE WHO WAS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN COCHISE COUNTY NEAR FLAGSTAFF. THE INTERSECTION

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CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1987
CADILLAC WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 07/05/97

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JUL 04 - TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED
16 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0830
HOURS FROM TWO HISPANIC MALES WHO WERE
TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-35 IN
WILLIAMSON COUNTY NEAR GEORGETOWN. THE
DRIVER, A LAREDO, TEXAS, RESIDENT AND
HIS PASSENGER WERE TRAVELING IN A 1988
CHEVROLET CORSICA WITH TEXAS PLATES EN
ROUTE TO DALLAS, VIA TEMPLE, TEXAS, FROM
LAREDO. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS
NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE
METHAMPHETAMINE INSIDE A CANVAS TOOL BAG
LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. A
DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND
ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

JUL 04 - MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TENNESSEE
SEIZED 144 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT
1149 HOURS FROM TWO WHITE MALES WHO WERE
TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN SHELBY
COUNTY NEAR MEMPHIS. THE DRIVER, AN
OCEANSIDE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS
PASSENGER FROM DANA POINT, CALIFORNIA,
WERE TRAVELING IN A 1993 WINNEBAGO
MOTORHOME WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE
OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT.
THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND IN NUMEROUS
LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE MOTORHOME. THE
VEHICLE WAS SEIZED AND BOTH SUBJECTS
WERE ARRESTED.

JUL 04- ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
SEIZED \$103,102 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1130
HOURS FROM TWO MALES WHO WERE TRAVELING

NEAR FLAGSTAFF. THE SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO ALBUQUERQUE FROM SAN FRANCISCO IN A RENTED 1997 MERCURY MARQUIS WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND HIDDEN INSIDE THE FOAM RUBBER IN THE BACK OF THE REAR SEAT OF THE VEHICLE. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.

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SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES FOR INCLUSION IN THIS MESSAGE ARE DEFINED AS FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE; ONE HUNDRED (100) KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA; TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN; FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK; ONE (1) KILOGRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE; AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH NOT REPORTED IN THIS TELETYPE, SEIZURES OF OVER 1 POUND OF COCAINE (454), 10 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA (4,540 GRAMS), 1 OUNCE OF CRACK (28 GRAMS), A GRAM OR MORE OF HEROIN, 454 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF LSD, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND \$1,000 IN DRUG-RELATED CURRENCY ARE CAPTURED IN EPIC'S HIGHWAY SEIZURE DATABASE. THE SIGNIFICANT SEIZURE CRITERIA WAS SET BECAUSE OF THE SHEER NUMBER OF SEIZURES RECEIVED AT EPIC.

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JUN 24 - THE EAST BATON ROUGE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN LOUISIANA SEIZED \$541,607 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 2345 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-12. THE DRIVER, A NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER FROM MAPLEWOOD, NEW JERSEY, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1991 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES PULLING AN EMPTY TRAILER. OFFICERS FOUND THE CURRENCY INSIDE TWO DUFFLE BAGS LOCATED IN THE CAB OF THE TRACTOR.

JUN 26 - THE BEAUMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 705 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 1040 HOURS FROM TWO CUBAN MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN JEFFERSON COUNTY. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI FROM CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1998 PETERBILT TRACTOR WITHOUT PLATES PULLING A 1997 REFRIGERATED TRAILER BEARING PENNSYLVANIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA INSIDE VARIOUS SIZED BOXES THAT WERE COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF LETTUCE. THE BUNDLES WERE WRAPPED IN FOIL, CLEAR PLASTIC, AND DUCT TAPE WITH LAUNDRY DETERGENT USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

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JUN 28 - THE NEBRASKA STATE PATROL SEIZED 7.3 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1540 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80 IN YORK COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER FROM DETROIT, MICHIGAN, WERE EN ROUTE TO DETROIT FROM LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, IN A 1993 FORD F-150 WITH MICHIGAN PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE AND A LOADED 45 CALIBER ORDINANCE SEMIAUTOMATIC PISTOL INSIDE AN EMPTY MODIFIED REAR GAS TANK OF THE PICKUP. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.

JUL 02 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5.3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1705 HOURS FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON STATE ROUTE 60 IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A WEST SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER FROM LYNWOOD, CALIFORNIA, WERE EN ROUTE TO WEST SAINT PAUL FROM RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1988 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE WITH MINNESOTA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE ROCKER PANELS OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

JUL 03 - THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.7 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, 10 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA, AND 578 GRAMS OF COCAINE AT 0111 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND IN STOREY COUNTY. THE IDAHO FALLS, IDAHO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO IDAHO FALLS FROM REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1986 FORD ESCORT WITH IDAHO PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND INSIDE THE REAR QUARTER PANELS OF THE VEHICLE. PERFUME AND AIR FRESHENERS WERE USED AS MASKING AGENTS. SEVEN FIREARMS, TWO WHICH WERE ASSAULT RIFLES, WERE ALSO SEIZED. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

JUL 07 - THE LAS VEGAS TRANSPORTATION UNIT IN NEVADA SEIZED 1.7 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, 454 GRAMS OF COCAINE, AND \$2400 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 2230 HOURS FROM THREE HISPANIC MALES AND A JUVENILE WHO WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN CLARK COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO NORFOLK, NEBRASKA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN THE PASSENGER'S 1987 FORD WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE METHAMPHETAMINE WAS FOUND BY OFFICERS IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE REAR

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BUMPER OF THE VEHICLE. TWO CONTROLLED DELIVERIES WERE EFFECTED BY DEA OMAHA AND OTHER AGENCIES IN NORFOLK WHICH RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF THREE HISPANIC MALES AND THE SEIZURE OF A 1985 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS WITH NEBRASKA PLATES. THE METHAMPHETAMINE WAS BLACK IN COLOR DUE TO A DARK CUTTING AGENT USED IN THE PROCESSING. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

JUL 08 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 6.3 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN AT 1835 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES FROM MEXICO IN A 1989 PONTIAC GRAND AM WITH MEXICO PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE HEROIN CONCEALED IN A MODIFIED DASH COMPARTMENT LOCATED DIRECTLY UNDER THE WINDSHIELD OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

JUL 08 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1,250 GRAMS OF HEROIN AT 1740 HOURS FROM A CANADIAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE TAYLOR, MICHIGAN, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO TAYLOR FROM ROSEMEAD, CALIFORNIA, IN HIS 1992 FORD AEROSTAR WITH MISSOURI PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE HEROIN INSIDE A BAG LOCATED ON THE FLOORBOARD OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

JUL 08 - THE ACADIA PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN LOUISIANA SEIZED 1.1 KILOGRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AT 0255 HOURS FROM A BLACK MALE AND THREE JUVENILES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 NEAR CROWLEY. THE DRIVER WAS EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS, IN A STOLEN 1997 PONTIAC WITH LOUISIANA PLATES. THE CRACK COCAINE WAS FOUND UNDER THE SPARE TIRE LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

JUL 09 - THE RANKIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSISSIPPI SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 16 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND \$7,300 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1400 HOURS FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-20. THE TUCKER, GEORGIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, IN A 1990 DODGE PICKUP WITH GEORGIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE HIDDEN INSIDE AN ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE REAR QUARTER PANEL OF THE VEHICLE.

JUL 09 - THE LOWNDES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA SEIZED 10 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 2025 HOURS FROM A CUBAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-75. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, FROM MIAMI IN HIS 1989 BUICK RIVIERA BEARING NORTH CAROLINA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE PACKAGES OF COCAINE INSIDE THE SPARE TIRE WELL OF THE VEHICLE. THE SUBJECT WAS ARRESTED.

JUL 09 - THE LAS VEGAS POLICE DEPARTMENT IN NEVADA SEIZED 1.5 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM AN UNKNOWN SUBJECT DRIVING A 1987 MERCURY SABLE WITH IOWA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE SUBJECT WAS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN CLARK COUNTY EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. DURING A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE, MEASURING APPROXIMATELY 7 INCHES LONG AND 3 INCHES IN DIAMETER, IN THE CHASSIS LOCATED UNDER THE VEHICLE. BLACK TAR WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT AND THE DRUG-DETECTION CANINE DID NOT ALERT ON THE VEHICLE.

JUL 10 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 113 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 0620 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON STATE ROUTE 86 IN IMPERIAL COUNTY. THE MEXICALI, BAJA CALIFORNIA NORTE MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1988 NISSAN STANZA BEARING MEXICO PLATES EN ROUTE TO INDIO, CALIFORNIA, FROM CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA. OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA INSIDE THREE DUFFLE BAGS LOCATED IN THE TRUNK AND TWO DUFFLE BAGS LOCATED ON THE REAR SEAT OF THE VEHICLE. THE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

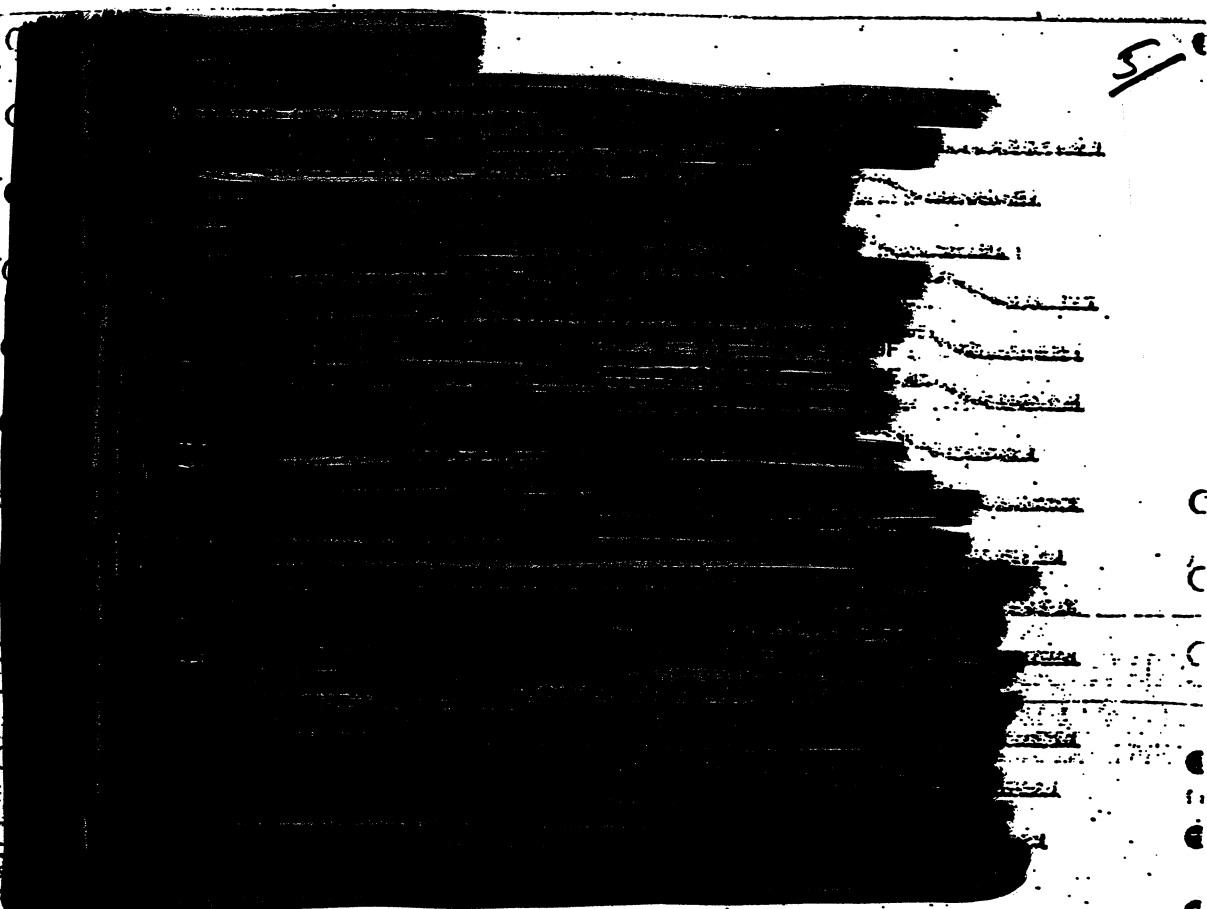
JUL 10 - THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 8 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 1730 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN JUAB COUNTY. THE SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A RENTED 1997 PONTIAC GRAND AM WITH UTAH PLATES EN ROUTE TO SALT LAKE CITY FROM CALIFORNIA. OFFICERS FOUND THE KILOGRAM-SIZED PACKAGES OF COCAINE HIDDEN INSIDE A SUITCASE WHICH WAS LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. SHOE POLISH HAD BEEN USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 07/26/97

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THIS MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS CURRENT DRUG SEIZURES AND INTELLIGENCE THAT IMPACTS AGENCIES INVOLVED IN HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES. IT BRIEFLY DISCUSSES THE EVENTS AND GIVES LIMITED INTERPRETATION OF THEIR MEANING. IT IS INTENDED TO ASSIST PLANNERS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

JUN 28 - THE NEBRASKA STATE PATROL SEIZED 1.8 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND 2 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AT 0730 HOURS FROM A HISPANIC COUPLE AND A JUVENILE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80 IN HAMILTON COUNTY. THE COMPTON, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO OMAHA, NEBRASKA, FROM CALIFORNIA IN THEIR 1995 PLYMOUTH NEON WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND THE FOUR BUNDLES OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND THE COCAINE IN A NATURAL CAVITY LOCATED BEHIND THE REAR BUMPER OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE.

JUN 30 - THE JEFFERSON COUNTY TASK FORCE IN TEXAS SEIZED 600 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AT 1615 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN JEFFERSON COUNTY NEAR BEAUMONT. THE LAKE CHARLES, LOUISIANA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LAKE CHARLES FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS, IN THE DRIVER'S 1997 TOYOTA CAMRY WITH LOUISIANA PLATES. DEPUTIES FOUND THE "COOKIE" SHAPED CRACK COCAINE IN THE GLOVE BOX AND IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. AIR FRESHENER HAD BEEN SPRAYED ON THE PACKAGES. A LOADED .380 CALIBER DAVIS SEMI-AUTO PISTOL WAS ALSO FOUND.

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JUL 02 - THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 1.1 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 0958 HOURS FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN COCONINO COUNTY NEAR FLAGSTAFF. THE WATERFORD, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, FROM MODESTO, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1987 CADILLAC WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE TWO BUNDLES OF METHAMPHETAMINE IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

JUL 05 - THE KANKAKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN ILLINOIS SEIZED 6.1 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN AT 1200 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON STATE ROUTE 17. THE EDINBURG, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO KANKAKEE FROM SAN JUAN, TEXAS, IN HIS 1986 CHEVROLET CAMARO WITH TEXAS PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND THE 10 PACKAGES OF HEROIN WRAPPED IN PLASTIC AND SEALED WITH DUCT TAPE IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

JUL 08 - THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.1 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1510 HOURS FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND IN PREBLE COUNTY NEAR EATON. THE DETROIT, MICHIGAN, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO DETROIT, FROM COLORADO SPRINGS, COLORADO, IN A 1986 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS WITH MICHIGAN PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE ONE-HALF KILO-SIZED PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE IN THE FENDER WELL LOCATED ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE OF THE

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VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS
USED AND ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE. THE
PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN NUMEROUS LAYERS
OF CLEAR PLASTIC AND DUCT TAPE.

JUL 11 - THE SPALDING COUNTY TASK FORCE IN
GEORGIA SEIZED 27,300 DOSAGE UNITS OF
MDMA (ECSTASY), \$6,096 IN U.S. CURRENCY
AND 3,150 GUILDERS (NETHERLANDS
CURRENCY) AT 1511 HOURS FROM TWO WHITE
MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-75. THE
ORLANDO, FLORIDA, RESIDENTS WERE EN
ROUTE TO ORLANDO FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
IN A 1996 CHEVROLET LUMINA WITH
MINNESOTA PLATES THAT THEY HAD RENTED AT
CHICAGO'S O'HARE AIRPORT EARLIER THAT
DAY. THE MDMA PACKAGES WERE FOUND UNDER
THE SEATS OF THE VEHICLE. THE PACKAGES
WERE MADE OF CLEAR PLASTIC SHEETS THAT
HAD BEEN TAPED TOGETHER WITH WHITE TAPE.
FURTHER INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE
PILLS WERE BODY-SHUGGLED INTO THE UNITED
STATES FROM BELGIUM. A DRUG-DETECTION
CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE
VEHICLE.

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JUL 15 - THE NEW MEXICO STATE PATROL SEIZED 1.1 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 1035 HOURS FROM TWO WHITE MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN QUAY COUNTY, NEAR TUCUMCART, THE BERRYVILLE, ARKANSAS DRIVER AND HIS PASSENGER FROM EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS WERE EN ROUTE TO EUREKA SPRINGS, FROM SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1994 HYUNDAI ELANTRA WITH ARKANSAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE INSIDE ZIP-LOCK BAGGIES, FURTHER CONTAINED IN TWO SEPARATE TUPPERWARE CONTAINERS, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. TAR HAD BEEN USED AS A MASKING AGENT. TWO GLOBAL POSITIONING SATELLITE SYSTEMS, A CELLULAR TELEPHONE, AND A LOADED 9MM RUGER SEMI-AUTO PISTOL WERE ALSO SEIZED. THE SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.

JUL 16 - THE HORIZON CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 169 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AT 2116 HOURS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1990 LINCOLN TOWN CAR WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING AN INVENTORY SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE 154 BRICKS OF COMPRESSED MARIJUANA IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

JUL 18 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$179,450 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 0935 HOURS FROM TWO BLACK FEMALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE CINCINNATI, OHIO, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, FROM CINCINNATI IN A RENTED 1997 PONTIAC GRAND AM WITH OHIO PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND THE CURRENCY INSIDE LUGGAGE LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

JUL 19 - THE OREGON STATE PATROL SEIZED \$115,418 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 2210 HOURS FROM TWO CANADIAN MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-5 IN DOUGLAS COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A BURNABY, BRITISH COLUMBIA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO LOS

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