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SECTION 1 OF 1

SUBJECT: EPIC NLETS [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] (OPERATION PIPELINE)

INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS LOOKOUT REFLECTS CURRENT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS AND SENSITIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION. IT IS NOT TO BE RELEASED TO FOREIGN POLICE OR MILITARY AUTHORITIES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE ORIGINATOR, WHICH SHOULD BE COORDINATED THROUGH EPIC.

1. REFERENCE EPIC [REDACTED] DATED 03041999 ESTABLISHING EPIC NLETS LOOKOUT [REDACTED] REQUESTED BY [REDACTED] DEA RICHMOND, VA RD.
2. ON 03121999 [REDACTED] DEA RICHMOND VA TELEPHONE [REDACTED] REQUESTED THAT THE NLETS LOOKOUT ON (VA) UW8723 BE REISSUED FOR 365 DAYS AS [REDACTED]
3. AGENCIES RECEIVING THIS MESSAGE PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN HIGHWAY INTERDICTION EFFORTS IN YOUR STATE.
4. REMARKS: DEA INFORMATION INDICATES TWO SUBJECTS WILL DEWARRANTS WILL BE TRAVELLING IN A 1995 FORD WINDSTAR, VAN GOLD IN COLOR BEARING VIRGINIA LICENSE PLATES [REDACTED] ON I-95 FROM NEW YORK CITY TO MIAMI, FLORIDA. THE VEHICLE MAY HAVE A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT BENEATH THE FLOORBOARDS, WHICH MAY CONTAIN HEROIN. EXACT METHOD OF CONCEALMENT UNKNOWN. SUBJECTS ARE DESCRIBED AS [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] VEHICLE IS OWNED BY [REDACTED] A MEMBER OF A CRACK COCAINE, COCAINE AND HEROIN ORGANIZATION. LOOKOUT EXPIRES ON 03122000.

5. FOR INFORMATION ONLY. ANY ACTION OTHER THAN REQUESTED IS DISCRETIONARY.
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SECTION 1 OF 2 SECTIONS

SUBJECT: EPIC WEEKLY NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE
REPORT FOR THE 3RD WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1999.

1. THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS FOR OFFICIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
USE ONLY AND SHOULD BE HANDLED AND PROTECTED ACCORDINGLY.
2. THIS REPORT PROVIDES GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT RECENT
- METHAMPHETAMINE AND AMPHETAMINE CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES
- THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, AS REPORTED TO EPIC. SEIZURES ARE
- CREDITED FOR THE PARTICULAR STATE WHERE SEIZURES OCCURRED. THIS
- GENERAL INFORMATION MAY BE USEFUL TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH
- AN INTEREST IN TRACKING TRAFFICKING TRENDS.
3. TOTAL CY99 STATISTICS, INCLUDING ALL REPORTING TO EPIC, AS OF
SEPTEMBER 17, 1999, ARE SET FORTH BELOW. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE
- THAT DISCREPANCIES MAY EXIST BETWEEN THE NUMBERS COMPILED/REPORTED
- BY EPIC AND THE NUMBERS MAINTAINED BY REPORTING OFFICES; SUCH
- DISCREPANCIES MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO LATE REPORTING TO EPIC OR
- FAILURE TO REPORT AT ALL. CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE
- INFORMATION REPORTED TO THE WESTERN STATES INFORMATION NETWORK
- (WSIN) IS NOT INCLUDED IN THESE STATISTICS. PLEASE CONTACT EPIC
- TO RESOLVE ANY DISCREPANCIES THAT ARE NOTED.

STATE	SEIZURES	FINISHED PRODUCT AMT SEIZED IN GRAMS
ALABAMA	10	
ALASKA	8	564
ARIZONA	239	67
ARKANSAS	210	1,516.2
CALIFORNIA	95	2,374.2
COLORADO	79	49,139.4
CONNECTICUT		883.1
DELAWARE		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
FLORIDA	11	
GEORGIA	15	687.6
HAWAII		1,528.6
IDAHO		
ILLINOIS	100	10,909.6
INDIANA	69	1,615.6
IOWA	69	2,036.7
KANSAS	5	12.2
KENTUCKY	95	1,824.4
LOUISIANA	38	926.7
MAINE	5	29
MARYLAND		
MASSACHUSETTS		
MICHIGAN	5	
MINNESOTA	41	10
MISSISSIPPI	32	602.1
MISSOURI	235	56
MONTANA	16	2,848.1
NEBRASKA	11	206
NEVADA	200	177.5
NEW HAMPSHIRE		5,689.5
NEW JERSEY	2	
NEW MEXICO	28	
NEW YORK	1	243.1
NORTH CAROLINA	2	
NORTH DAKOTA	4	1
OHIO	7	78
OKLAHOMA	208	74
OREGON	7	15,477.2
PENNSYLVANIA	1	10,091.5
RHODE ISLAND		2,601.2
SOUTH CAROLINA		
SOUTH DAKOTA	1	
TENNESSEE	58	
TEXAS	91	4,400.2
UTAH	142	2,275
VERMONT		1,715
VIRGINIA	2	
WASHINGTON	18	2
WEST VIRGINIA	3	151.2
WISCONSIN	4	3
WYOMING	11	185
TOTAL	2,184	121,133.2

4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DATA:

A. OF THE 2,184 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 894 RESULTED IN ACTUAL SEIZURES OF FINISHED PRODUCT.

B. OF THE 2,184 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 263 INDICATED THAT CHILDREN WERE PRESENT.

C. OF THE 2,184 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 1,221 WERE CONDUCTED/ASSISTED BY DEA, 962 WERE STATE/LOCAL SEIZURES, AND 1 WAS FBI.

D. OF THE 2,184 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 1,927 DIFFERENT PRECURSORS WERE SEIZED.

E. THE LOCATIONS OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 197 COMMERCIAL, 31 INDUSTRIAL, 853 RURAL, 579 SUBURBAN, 502 URBAN, AND 22 WITH NO REPORTED LOCATION.

F. SYNTHESIS ROUTES OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 328 EPHEDRINE, 492 EPHEDRINE/PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 535 LITHIUM, 745 PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 13 P2P, AND 71 WITH NO REPORTED SYNTHESIS ROUTE.

6. CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN BE REPORTED TO THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER (EPIC) USING THE NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE REPORT (EPIC FORM 143), WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR LOCAL DEA OFFICE OR BY CALLING THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM.

7. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES, PLEASE CALL THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM TEAM AT [REDACTED] IF EPIC CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM. THE POINTS OF CONTACT ARE [REDACTED]

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 9/18/99

****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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SEIZURES ARE INCLUDED IF THEY MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE; ONE HUNDRED (100) KGS OF MARIJUANA; TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN; FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK; ONE (1) KILOGRAM (KG) OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH); AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC AND SATISFYING THE ABOVE CRITERIA SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

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ON AUGUST 21, THE ARKANSAS (AR) STATE POLICE (SP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 9 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE ON U.S. 82 EASTBOUND IN CROSSETT, ASHLEY COUNTY, AT 0215 HOURS. A COUPLE WAS TRAVELING IN THE DRIVERS 1998 CHEVROLET ASTRO VAN WITH ARIZONA (AZ) PLATES, EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA (GA), FROM BLEVINS, AR, WHEN STOPPED ON A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF MESA, AZ, WHILE THE PASSENGER LIVED IN SAGINAW, MICHIGAN (MI). AFTER RECEIVING CONSENT TO SEARCH FROM THE DRIVER, A CANINE ALERTED TO BOTH SIDES OF THE VAN AND THE GAS TANK. A WHITE TOTE BAG, CONTAINING MARIJUANA RESIDUE AND ROLLING PAPERS, WAS FOUND WITHIN THE VEHICLE. WHEN THE TROOPER LOOKED UNDERNEATH THE VAN, HE NOTED THAT THERE WERE SOME SCRATCHES AROUND THE METAL BANDS HOLDING THE GAS TANK TO THE VEHICLE. BOLTS, WHICH SECURED THE METAL BANDS TO THE VEHICLE, WERE STICKING OUT APPROXIMATELY 1/4 OF AN INCH WHEN THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN FLUSH WITH THE BANDS. THERE WAS ALSO FRESH BLACK PAINT AROUND THE BOLTS AND TENSION BANDS. THE VEHICLE WAS TOWED TO A BODY SHOP, WHERE THE GAS TANK WAS DRAINED AND REMOVED FROM THE VEHICLE. WHEN THE FUEL SENSOR WAS REMOVED, SEVERAL PLASTIC-WRAPPED PACKAGES WERE FOUND FLOATING IN THE TANK. EACH PACKAGE WAS ABOUT 5 TO 6 INCHES IN DIAMETER, 8 TO 12 INCHES LONG, AND WEIGHED APPROXIMATELY 1 POUND (LB) EACH. THE PACKAGES FIELD-TESTED POSITIVE FOR COCAINE.

ON AUGUST 24 AT 2045 HOURS, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO), CALIFORNIA (CA), SEIZED 10 KGS OF COCAINE FROM THREE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET. THE MALE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF MEXICALI, MEXICO (MX), FEMALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES, AND MALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES, WERE TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 MITSUBISHI, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, LOCATED ON THE BACK FLOORBOARD.

ON SEPTEMBER 9 AT 0834 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA (LA) SP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 14 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10, IN ST. MARTIN PARISH. THE MCALLEN, TEXAS (TX), RESIDENT WAS EN-ROUTE TO MISSISSIPPI (MS), FROM HOUSTON, TX, IN HER 1991 CHEVROLET CAPRICE, BEARING TX PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED UNDERNEATH THE TRUNK FLOOR.

ON SEPTEMBER 9 AT 1655 HOURS, THE TX DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED \$398,877 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 59, IN VICTORIA COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF MCALLEN, TX, AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF MISSION, TX, WERE EN ROUTE TO MX, FROM HOUSTON, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1999 CHEVROLET TAHOE, BEARING TX PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN AN ELECTRONICALLY-CONTROLLED FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED AT THE REAR OF THE SPORTS UTILITY VEHICLE.

ON SEPTEMBER 10 AT 0914 HOURS, THE NASSAU COUNTY SO, FLORIDA (FL), SEIZED 2 KGS OF CRACK COCAINE FROM TWO U.S. CITIZEN MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-95. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF GASTONIA, NORTH CAROLINA (NC), AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF CHARLOTTE, NC, WERE EN ROUTE TO CHARLOTTE, FROM MIAMI, FL, IN A RENTED 1999 CHEVROLET VAN, BEARING NC PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CRACK COCAINE, LOCATED IN THE REAR DOORS OF THE VAN.

ON SEPTEMBER 11 AT 0645 HOURS, THE UTAH (UT) HIGHWAY PATROL (HP) SEIZED 10 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A U.S. CITIZEN COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70, IN SALINA COUNTY. THE TWO CAHOKIA, ILLINOIS (IL), RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI (MO), FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1993 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN, BEARING IL PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN THE HEATING VENTS UNDERNEATH THE BACK SEAT. THE COCAINE WAS WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC AND COVERED WITH GREASE.

ON SEPTEMBER 13 AT 1600 HOURS, THE ZAPATA COUNTY SO, TX, SEIZED 128 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING ON U.S. 83. THE TWO GUERRERO, MX, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO ROMA, TX, FROM AN UNKNOWN ORIGIN, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1986 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, LOCATED IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP TRUCK, UNDERNEATH A SHEET OF PLYWOOD. THE MARIJUANA WAS

ON SEPTEMBER 13 AT 2008 HOURS, THE IL SP SEIZED \$158,730 USC FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-80, IN BUREAU COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF BEAVERTON, OREGON (OR), AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF GARDEN GROVE, CA, WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM CORONA, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1993 FORD, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A ~~CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF SIX~~ BUNDLES OF USC, LOCATED BEHIND THE DASHBOARD. THE SIX BUNDLES WERE WRAPPED IN BLACK TAPE.

ON SEPTEMBER 14 AT 0253 HOURS, THE BATON ROUGE PD, LA, SEIZED \$323,565 USC FROM TWO U.S. CITIZEN MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-12, IN EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF DECATUR, GA, AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO, CA, WERE EN ROUTE TO CA, FROM MOBILE, ALABAMA (AL), IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, LOCATED INSIDE BOTH REAR FENDERS.

ON SEPTEMBER 14 AT 0822 HOURS, THE BEAUMONT, TX, PD SEIZED \$425,190 USC FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10, IN JEFFERSON COUNTY. THE TWO DETROIT, MI, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TX, FROM DETROIT, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1997 TOYOTA AVALON, BEARING MO PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN AN ELECTRONICALLY-CONTROLLED FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN THE FLOORBOARD. THE COMPARTMENT EXTENDED FROM THE FIREWALL TO THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE.

ON SEPTEMBER 14 AT 0904 HOURS, THE AR HP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 272 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM THREE JAMAICAN MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF HOMESTEAD, FL, AND TWO PASSENGERS, BOTH RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES, CA, WERE EN ROUTE TO PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA (PA), FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1993 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, TOWING A 1991 UTILITY REEFER TRAILER. THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER BOTH BORE CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER WAS NOT PRESENT. A STATUTORY SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, LOCATED INSIDE CARDBOARD BOXES, COMMINGLED AMONGST A LOAD OF TOMATOES.

ON SEPTEMBER 15 AT 1009 HOURS, THE 23RD JUDICIAL DRUG TASK FORCE (TF), TENNESSEE (TN), SEIZED 120 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A U.S. CITIZEN COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN DICKSON COUNTY. THE TWO DALLAS, TX, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO NASHVILLE, TN, FROM DALLAS, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1998 FORD EXPEDITION, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE LUGGAGE, LOCATED IN THE REAR CARGO AREA. AIR FRESHENERS WERE USED TO MASK THE ODOR OF THE COCAINE.

ON SEPTEMBER 15 AT 1430 HOURS, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SO,
CA, SEIZED 795 GMS OF MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN FROM A MEXICAN
NATIONAL MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON A CITY STREET. THE LOS
ANGELES, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO A LOCATION IN LOS
ANGELES, FROM ANOTHER LOCATION WITHIN LOS ANGELES, IN A
PRIVATELY-OWNED 1989 TOYOTA PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING CA PLATES.
THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A
PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF
THE MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN, LOCATED ON THE FLOOR OF THE TRUCK.

ON SEPTEMBER 16 AT 1349 HOURS, THE AZ DPS SEIZED
APPROXIMATELY 200 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN
TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN COCONINO COUNTY. THE CHINO,
CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NC, FROM ANAHEIM, CA, IN A
RENTED 1998 GMC TRUCK, BEARING OHIO (OH) PLATES. A
CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE
MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE UHAUL BOXES FILLED WITH
CLOTHES, LOCATED AT THE NOSE OF THE RENTAL MOVING TRUCK.
THE OFFICER DETECTED THE USE OF A STRONG MASKING AGENT, BUT
WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY IT.

ON SEPTEMBER 17 AT 0100 HOURS, THE BRYAN COUNTY, GA, SO
SEIZED \$140,000 USC FROM A U.S. CITIZEN COUPLE TRAVELING
SOUTHBOUND ON I-95. THE MALE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF MIAMI,
FL, AND FEMALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF BUFFALO, NY, WERE EN
ROUTE TO MIAMI, FROM NEW YORK, NY, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1996
FORD TAURUS, BEARING NY PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE
VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE
ALERT, A CONSENSUAL AND STATUTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED
TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE A FALSE
COMPARTMENT, LOCATED BETWEEN THE BACK SEAT AND THE TRUNK.
WHEN THE OFFICER OPENED THE TRUNK HE DETECTED AN
OVERWHELMING SMELL OF FRESH PAINT, WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY LED TO
THE DISCOVERY OF THE FALSE COMPARTMENT.

ON SEPTEMBER 17 AT 0540 HOURS, THE AZ DPS SEIZED
APPROXIMATELY 2 KGS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM TWO
MEXICAN NATIONAL MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN
MOHAVE COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES, CA,
AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF BAKERSFIELD, CA, WERE EN ROUTE
TO ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO (NM), FROM LOS ANGELES, IN A
PRIVATELY-OWNED 1986 HONDA PRELUDE, BEARING CA PLATES. THE
REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE DRIVER
STATED THAT HE HAD JUST PURCHASED THE VEHICLE TWO DAYS AGO,
AND HAD THE VEHICLE'S TITLE. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE
VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, LOCATED IN THE
LOWER ROCKER PANELS OF THE VEHICLE.

ON SEPTEMBER 18, THE LA SP SEIZED 799 KGS OF MARIJUANA ON I-
20 EASTBOUND AT 1340 HOURS IN BOSSIER-PARISH. A MALE
RESIDENT OF DELAND, CA, WAS DRIVING A COMMERCIALY-OWNED
1998 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, TOWING A 1998 UTILITY
REFRIGERATED TRAILER, BOTH WITH CA PLATES, WHEN STOPPED FOR
A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN
DESTINATION FROM MCALLEN, TX. CONSENT TO SEARCH WAS GIVEN,
AND A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE DID NOT ALERT TO THE TRACTOR OR
TRAILER. INSIDE THE TRAILER WAS A LOAD, APPROXIMATELY 1/8
FULL, OF CORN DOGS. A RECORDS CHECK REVEALED THAT THE OWNER
OF THE TRACTOR-TRAILER HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN A SEIZURE ON MAY
15, 1999. DURING THE MAY 15 SEIZURE, 810 KILOGRAMS OF
MARIJUANA WAS SEIZED AT THE FALFURRIAS, TX, CHECKPOINT FROM
A TRACTOR-TRAILER, WHICH WAS OWNED BY THE SAME COMPANY AS
THAT WHICH OWNED THE TRACTOR-TRAILER FOR THE SEPTEMBER 18
SEIZURE. THE 810 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA WAS FOUND IN THE
ROOF OF THE TRAILER. AFTER RECEIVING THAT INFORMATION, IT
WAS NOTED THAT THE ROOF OF THE TRAILER IN THE SEPTEMBER 18
STOP WAS ALTERED. THE 799 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA WAS FOUND
ON THE ROOF.

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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), 1 GRAM 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 SEIZURE REPORTS RECEIVED AT EPIC.

IF EPIC CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, AT [REDACTED] OR VIA TELETYPE. POC IS [REDACTED]

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS BEING PROVIDED FOR
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MULTISOURCE/MULTIAGENCY INFORMATION RECEIVED AT EPIC. THE
INFORMATION IS DEA SENSITIVE AND SHOULD BE HANDLED
ACCORDINGLY. THIS UNSOLICITED TELETYPE CONCERNS THE SEIZURE OF
DRUGS AND RELATED PROCEEDS FROM COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES
(CMV) ON HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES BY
FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. MOST OF
THE SEIZURES OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF TRAFFIC STOPS OR LICENSE
AND WEIGHT INSPECTIONS. IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION
SERVICE AND BORDER PATROL (INS/ISB) CHECKPOINT AND SOME PORT-
OF-ENTRY (POE) SEIZURES ARE ALSO INCLUDED.

THIS IS THE THIRD IN A SERIES OF MONTHLY INTELLIGENCE
MESSAGES COVERING SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL SEIZURES MEETING OR
EXCEEDING THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: 45.5 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF
COCAINE OR MARIJUANA; 28 GRAMS OF HEROIN; 1 KILOGRAM OF
METHAMPHETAMINE (METH); AND \$100,000 CURRENCY (USC). LATE
SEIZURES WILL BE DISSEMINATED IN SUCCEEDING TELETYPES. THIS
DATA IS SELECTED TO SUPPORT INTERDICTION AND FACILITATE THE
ANALYSIS OF DRUG TRAFFICKING TRENDS/PATTERNS INVOLVING CMV
UTILIZATION IN THE MOVEMENT OF CONTRABAND.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS:

CMV SEIZURE SUMMARY

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TRADITIONAL STOPS CHECKPOINT STOPS

SEIZURES:	MAR. 1998	MAR. 1999	MAR. 1998	MAR. 1999
MARIJUANA:	5,362 KGS	5,235 KGS	7,012 KGS	9,957
COCAINE:	32 KGS	474 KGS	0	0
HEROIN:	0	0	NONE REPORTED	
METH:	0	1.6 KGS	NONE REPORTED	
USC:	\$3,280,454	\$210,010	(DATA NOT COLLECTED)	

MARCH (MAR) 1999 DESTINATION-ORIGIN-HIGHWAY TRENDS:

IN THE MONTH OF MAR 1999, THE FOLLOWING TRADITIONAL TRAFFIC STOP DESTINATION-ORIGIN DATA WERE REPORTED TO EPIC:

MARCH 1999 DESTINATION:

MARIJUANA: KGS	COCAINE: KGS
IL 67.3 PERCENT (3,491)	LA 1.2 PERCENT (6)
IN 6.5 PERCENT (335)	TX 98.8 PERCENT (471)
LA 6.0 PERCENT (313)	
MD 6.4 PERCENT (329)	
NC 8.0 PERCENT (413)	
NJ 5.9 PERCENT (305)	

CURRENCY: NC 100 PERCENT \$4,367

MARCH 1999 ORIGIN:

MARIJUANA: KGS	COCAINE: KGS
CA 11.2 PERCENT (582)	CA 1.2 PERCENT (6)
TX 88.8 PERCENT (5,135)	TX 98.8 PERCENT (465)

QUARTERLY HIGHWAY STOPS: JAN 1999 - MAR 1999

MARIJUANA TOTALS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 1998 (CY98) AVERAGED 2,943 KGS PER MONTH. FOR THIS QUARTER, THEY AVERAGED 5,206 PER MONTH. THE SEIZURE TREND OF AT LEAST 5,000 KGS PER MONTH SHOULD CONTINUE THROUGH JUNE. FOR MAR 1999, THE TREND

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CONTINUES AT 5,185 KGS AT 570 KGS PER SEIZURE DOWN FROM A
FEBRUARY (FEB) 1999 TOTAL OF 6,599 KGS.

SEIZURES DESTINED FOR NEW YORK (NY) INCREASED THIS
QUARTER TO 14 PERCENT COMPARED TO 10 PERCENT IN THE FIRST
QUARTER OF 1997, AND 6 PERCENT IN 1998, WITH A MAJORITY GOING
TO THE QUEENS, NEW YORK CITY AND THE BRONX AREA. ILLINOIS
(IL) WILL CONTINUE AS THE MAIN DESTINATION STATE IN 1999.

QUARTERLY CHECKPOINT STOPS: JAN 1999 - MAR 1999

HAWAII CHECKPOINT SEIZURES DROPPED TO 9,057 KGS FROM
FEBRUARY'S TOTAL OF 13,629 KGS, BUT UP FROM JANUARY'S TOTAL OF
7,710 KGS. A MEAN TREND OF APPROXIMATELY 10,000 KGS PER MONTH
WITH 25 STOPS SHOULD CONTINUE UNTIL JUNE.

QUARTERLY COCAINE SEIZURES: JAN 1999-MAR 1999

THERE WAS ONLY ONE MAJOR SEIZURE OF COCAINE (465 KGS) FOR
MAR 1999 AND MAR 1998 (200 KGS). DECLINING SEIZURES THIS
QUARTER WERE EVIDENT FROM A HIGH IN JAN OF 1,636 KGS.
NEW YORK WILL CONTINUE TO BE THE MAJOR DESTINATION STATE
FOLLOWED BY IL, AND CALIFORNIA (CA). A TREND OF 700 TO 800
KGS PER MONTH SHOULD CONTINUE THROUGH MAY.

CHECKPOINT SEIZURES TOTALED 264 KGS FOR 9 STOPS SINCE OCT
1998. FOR CY98, THE AVERAGE WAS 317 KGS FOR THE 5 MONTHS THAT
HAD SEIZURES. GENERALLY, JAN THROUGH APRIL (APR) COCAINE
SEIZURES ARE NONEXISTENT. THERE WERE NO COCAINE CHECKPOINT
SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC IN MAR.

(QUARTERLY CURRENCY SEIZURES: JAN 1999-MAR 1999

(SINCE OCT 1998, USC SEIZURES HAVE AVERAGED ABOUT \$1
(MILLION WITH MAJOR SEIZURES IN TEXAS (TX), PENNSYLVANIA (PA),
(IL, TENNESSEE (TN) AND KENTUCKY (KY). SINCE THERE WAS ONLY
(ONE MAJOR SEIZURE IN JAN 1999 (\$124,210) AND IN MAR 1999
((\$129,262), THE INCREASED TRAFFIC OF MARIJUANA THIS QUARTER
(SHOULD GENERATE LARGE CURRENCY SEIZURES FOR APR 1999. A TREND
(OF ABOUT \$1-2 MILLION PER MONTH COULD CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE
(YEAR. APPROXIMATELY 90 PERCENT OF THE CURRENCY SHOULD BE EN
(ROUTE TO THE SOUTHWEST BORDER THROUGH TX. THE 1999 USC
(SEIZURES SHOULD INCREASE 25 PERCENT OVER CY98 TOTALS.

(SEIZURES/CONCEALMENT: MAR 1999

(ON MAR 1, THE EL PASO, TX, SHERIFF'S METRO OFFICERS
(SEIZED 1,511 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A RESIDENCE AND A U-HAUL
(TRUCK PARKED AT THE RESIDENCE. AN UNKNOWN GEL WAS USED TO MASK
(THE CELLUPHANE PACKAGES.

(ON MAR 1, INS/BP AGENTS AT THE LAREDO, TX, POE SEIZED
(727 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A 1989 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR (NF1),
(CONCEALED INSIDE A HELL TANKER WITH OREGON (OR) PLATES,
(NORTHBOND (NB) ON E-35. THE 48 PLASTIC-WRAPPED BUNDLES WERE
(MARKED WITH TRIANGLES WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE WEIGHTS. EXCEPT
(FOR THE CONTRABAND, THE TANKER WAS EMPTY. THE DRIVER-OWNER
(WAS A RESIDENT OF HEREFORD, TX.

(ON MAR 1, UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE (USCS) INSPECTORS
(AT THE LAREDO, TX, POE SEIZED 99 KGS OF COCAINE FROM ALL 8
(TIRES OF A FLATBED TRAILER STACKED ON ANOTHER FLATBED TRAILER.
(THE 90 PACKAGES (EACH APPROXIMATELY 1.1 KILO, 11 PACKAGES PER
(TIRE) WERE VACUUM-SEALED IN TAPE, AND CONCEALED WITHIN EIGHT
(METAL CONTAINERS FOUND IN EACH TIRE. A K-9 AND A BUSTER
(DETECTED THE LOADED TIRES. MARKINGS ON THE BUNDLES INCLUDED:
("ORO," "S," A TASHMANIAN DEVIL STICKER, OR A STICKER WITH
("CORDO." THE TRAILER CROSSED INTO BROWNSVILLE, TX, ON
(11/04/98. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF NULVO LAREDO, TX, AND
(THE OWNER IS BASED IN HOUSTON, TX.

(ON MAR 2, TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (TXDPS)
(OFFICERS STOPPED A 1989 PETERSILT TRACTOR, WITH TX PLATES, FOR
(IMPROPER MARKINGS, NB ON U.S. 281, AND SEIZED 30 KGS OF
(MARIJUANA CONCEALED INSIDE THE AIR FILTER. A K-9 ALERTED TO
(THE CONTRABAND. THE DRIVER/OWNER WAS A RESIDENT OF RIO GRANDE
(CITY, TX.

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ON MAR 3, TXDPS OFFICERS STOPPED A 1993 PETERBILT TRACTOR
PULLING A REEFER TRAILER (NFI), BOTH WITH TX PLATES, AND
SEIZED 20 KGS OF MARIJUANA IN THE BATTERY BOX OF THE TRACTOR
PURSUANT TO A K-9 SEARCH. THERE WAS NO CROSSING INFORMATION.
THE TRUCK PLATE WAS ERRONEOUSLY REGISTERED TO A 1992 HOCK
TRUCK. THE TRAILER OWNER IS BASED IN EDINBURG, TX

ON MAR 3, USCS INSPECTORS AT THE EL PASO, TX, POE
SEARCHED A 1984 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES, AND SEIZED 97
KGS OF COCAINE CONCEALED IN THE TWO FRONT STEERING TIRES. AN
INSPECTOR NOTICED MARKS ON THE TIRE RIMS. INSPECTORS USED
A STETHOSCOPE, A TIRE PUSTER, WHICH MEASURES DENSITY TO
INDICATE LOADED COMPARTMENTS, AND A K-9 TO VERIFY THE TWO
LOADED TIRES. THE PUSTER GAVE A HIGH READING OF 80-90 (NORMAL:
30-35 FOR AN EMPTY TIRE). AN X-RAY MACHINE VERIFIED THE
CONCEALMENT. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO
(MX), BUT WAS NOT A REGULAR CROSSING DRIVER. THE 52 PACKETS
OF COCAINE WERE HELD IN PLACE BY USING A SPRAY-FOAM.

ON MAR 3, MEXICAN JUDICIAL POLICE OFFICERS DISCOVERED 860
KGS OF MARIJUANA IN TWO DECORATIVE BOULDERS IN ZACATECAS, MX,
EN ROUTE TO NUEVO LAREDO, MX, FROM GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, MX.

ON MAR 5, TXDPS OFFICERS STOPPED A 1992 KENWORTH TRACTOR
PULLING A 1997 TRANSCRAFT TRAILER, BOTH WITH IL PLATES,
WESTBOND (WB) ON I-30, EN ROUTE TO MCALLEN, TX, FROM CHICAGO,
IL. OFFICERS DISCOVERED \$129,363 CONCEALED IN A BACKPACK IN
THE SLEEPER. THE TRUCK WAS STOPPED FOR SPEEDING. THE DRIVER
WAS A RESIDENT OF CHICAGO, IL. THE TRUCK WAS LEASED.

CROSSING INFORMATION FOR TRAILER:

- 08/05/98 / HIDALGO, TX 11/29/98 / LAREDO, TX.
- 11/21/98 / HIDALGO, TX 1/02/99 / LAREDO, TX

ON MAR 5, HOUSTON, TX, POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD) OFFICERS STOPPED A RYDER MOVING TRUCK WITH A FLORIDA (FL) PLATE, NB ON I-45, EN ROUTE TO TRENTON, NEW JERSEY (NJ), FROM HOUSTON, TX, AND SEIZED 122 KGS OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED IN THE CARGO AREA. THE BRICKS OF MARIJUANA WERE VACUUMED-SEALED AND PLACED INSIDE GARBAGE BAGS. A K-9 ALERTED TO THE CONTRABAND.

ON MAR 5, MISSISSIPPI (MS) SHERIFF'S OFFICE OFFICERS STOPPED A 1998 VOLVO TRACTOR PULLING A GREAT DANE TRAILER, BOTH WITH LOUISIANA (LA) PLATES, EASTBOUND (EB) ON I-20, EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, LA, AND JACKSON, MS, FROM CALIFORNIA (CA). OFFICERS SEIZED 312 KGS OF MARIJUANA HIDDEN IN DUFFEL BAGS IN THE TRAILER. SIX KGS OF COCAINE WERE CONCEALED IN A PACKAGE OF MARIJUANA. AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF LETTUCE WAS USED TO HIDE THE LOAD. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT FROM RIVER RIDGE, LA, AND THE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF HATTIESBURG, MS, WERE ARRESTED. THE COMPANY IS LEGITIMATE, AND THE TRACTOR AND PRODUCE WERE RELEASED. THE CORRECT DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE ON THE SIDE OF THE CAB. THE FOLLOWING INDICATORS WERE PRESENT:

- THE SEALS ON THE TRAILER WERE REPLACED.
- THE DRIVER SHOWED SIGNS OF NERVOUSNESS.
- THE DRIVER'S LOG BOOK ENTRIES DID NOT REFLECT HIS TRIP.
- A .45 CAL. BERETTA HANDGUN WAS FOUND.
- THERE WAS NO CROSSING INFORMATION.

THE ADDRESS OF THE LEASING COMPANY AND REGISTERED OWNER OF THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER IS MENTIONED IN PAPERS CONNECTED TO THE 3/07/98, SEIZURE OF \$3,166,199 BY ARKANSAS (AR).

ON MAR 5, TXDPS OFFICERS STOPPED A 1993 KENWORTH WITH IL PLATES, PULLING A 1994 UTILITY TRAILER WITH TX PLATE, NB ON U.S. 281, EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TX, FROM MCALLEN, TX. OFFICERS SEIZED 65 KGS OF COCAINE COMMINGLED WITH AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF GRAPEFRUIT. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF DANVILLE, VA. THE OWNER WAS ESCORTING THE TRACTOR AND WAS ARRESTED AT THE FALFURRIAS, TX, CHECKPOINT. A SEARCH WARRANT NETTED 674 KGS OF MARIJUANA AT A WELDING SHOP NEXT TO THE OWNER'S RESIDENCE. A TOTAL OF 3 SUSPECTS WERE ARRESTED. THIS LOAD WAS DETECTED BY A K-9 AS IT CROSSED THE BORDER ON 3/05/99. AN X-RAY MACHINE VERIFIED THE 27 CARTONS OF COCAINE

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INSIDE THE TRAILER. A SWAB WAS TAKEN OF THE TRAILER'S DRAIN
HOLE AND WAS ANALYZED BY AN ATOMIZER, WHICH TESTED POSITIVE
FOR COCAINE.

ON MAR 5, USCS AGENTS IN PHARR, TX, STOPPED A 1992
PETERBILT TRACTOR PULLING A REEFER TRAILER (NFI), BOTH WITH TX
PLATES, AND DISCOVERED 723 KGS OF MARIJUANA COMMINGLED WITH AN
OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF PINEAPPLES. THE DRIVER WAS A
RESIDENT OF MCALLEN, TX.

ON MAR 6, CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) OFFICERS
STOPPED A 1986 FORD VAN WITH WASHINGTON (WA) PLATES, NB ON 1-
505, EN ROUTE TO YAKIMA, WA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, WITH 2.5 KGS
OF METH HIDDEN INSIDE THE SPARE TIRE. A K-9 DID NOT ALERT ON
THE TIRE. A STETHOSCOPE TEST CONFIRMED THE PRESENCE OF THE
PACKAGES, AND MAYONNAISE, OLIVES, COFFEE, AND GREASE WERE USED
AS MASKING AGENTS. TWENTY-TWO ROLLS OF TOILET PAPER WERE
FOUND IN THE TIRE. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF YAKIMA, THE
MALE PASSENGER WAS A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES, BUT WAS LIVING
IN WAPITI, WA, AND THE FEMALE PASSENGER WAS A RESIDENT OF WA.

ON MAR 8, USCS AGENTS IN PHARR, TX, SEIZED 621 KGS OF
MARIJUANA FROM A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT OF A TRAILER (NFI) BEING
PULLED BY A 1987 INTERNATIONAL, BOTH WITH TX PLATES, EB ON
U.S. 83. THE COMPARTMENT COVERED THE WHOLE WALL AND WAS 9
INCHES DEEP. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF REYNOSA, TAMALIYOS,
MX, NEAR MCALLEN, TX.

ON MAR 8, INS/HP AGENTS AT THE ALAMOGUENDO, NEW MEXICO
(NM), CHECKPOINT STOPPED A 1994 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR WITH IL
PLATES, NB ON U.S. 54, AND DISCOVERED 175 KGS OF MARIJUANA IN
A TRAILER (NFI). THE MARIJUANA WAS COMMINGLED WITH AN
OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF DRIED PEPPERS, EN ROUTE TO
CHICAGO, IL, FROM EL PASO, TX. (SEE: 3/10/99). THE DRIVER
WAS A RESIDENT OF CHICAGO.

ON MAR 8, USCS INSPECTORS AT THE TECATE, CA, POE SEIZED
213 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A TRAILER (NFI) PULLED BY A 1984
FREIGHTLINER, BOTH WITH CA PLATES, WHICH WAS COMMINGLED WITH
ER WAS

ON MAR 9, USCS AGENTS AND NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE (NJSP) OFFICERS STOPPED A 1984 GMC TRUCK FROM ST. GEORGE, UTAH (UT), PULLING A TRAILER (NFI) IN NORTH BERGEN, NEW JERSEY (NJ), NEAR I-95. THE OFFICERS DISCOVERED 183 KGS OF MARIJUANA COMMINGLED WITH AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF COTTON BALES. THE LOAD WAS EN ROUTE TO JERSEY CITY, NJ, FROM EL PASO, TX. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF UNION CITY, NJ, WITH A MIAMI, FL, DRIVER'S LICENSE, WHO ENTERED THE U.S. IN 1967 AT NEW YORK CITY, NY. FOUR SUSPECTS WERE EVENTUALLY ARRESTED IN NJ. THE TRACTOR WAS REGISTERED TO THE DRIVER WITH A ST. GEORGE ADDRESS. LANE CHECKS WERE NEGATIVE FOR THE TRAILER, AND DOT INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY WAS NEGATIVE.

INFORMATION ON THE DRIVER SHOWS A CUBAN TRAFFICKING ASSOCIATION. THE DRIVER WAS PART OF A CUBAN TRAFFICKING GROUP USING MOVING VANS IN 1990, WHICH SPECIALIZED IN COCAINE TRAFFICKING. CURRENTLY, HE IS PART OF A CUBAN CELL IN WEST NEW YORK, NJ. THE LOGBOOK SHOWED HE WEIGHED HIS TRUCK IN EL PASO. AFTER STAYING 2 DAYS IN LUBBOCK, TX, HE PROCEEDED DOWN U.S. 84 TO I-10. HE WAS SUPPOSED TO DELIVER A LEGITIMATE LOAD OF COTTON TO NORTH CAROLINA (NC), BUT WENT TO NJ FIRST. THE MARIJUANA WAS THROWN ON TOP OF THE COTTON. A MARYLAND (MD) SEIZURE IN 1993 MAY BE RELATED. THE ADDRESS OF THE SUSPECT IN 1990 WAS CONNECTED TO A CLOSED DEA LAS VEGAS, NV, CASE.

ON MAR 10, INS/BP AGENTS AT THE FALFURRIAS, TX, CHECKPOINT STOPPED A 1990 KENWORTH TRACTOR PULLING A TRAILER (NFI), BOTH WITH TX PLATES, NB ON U.S. 291, EN ROUTE TO TAMPA, FL, FROM HIDALGO, TX, WITH 2,255 KGS OF MARIJUANA COMMINGLED WITH AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF CABBAGE. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF SEBRING, FL.

ON MAR 10, KENTUCKY STATE POLICE (KYSP) OFFICERS STOPPED A 1998 FREIGHTLINER PULLING A 1989 GREAT DANE TRAILER, BOTH WITH VA PLATES, FOR A SAFETY INSPECTION. THE TRACTOR-TRAILER

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RIG WAS TRAVELING NB ON I-64, WITH AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE
LOAD OF MANGANESE ORE, EN ROUTE TO SUMMERSVILLE, PA, FROM EL
PASO, TX. A K-9 "INDICATED" ON THE FOURTH AXLE, AT THE LEFT
INNER TIRE. A MASKING AGENT OF CRAY COLORED GREASE WAS
DISCOVERED INSIDE THE RIM AND TIRE AS IT WAS BEING REMOVED.
THE DRIVER DENIED EVER SEEING GREASE INSIDE THE TRUCK RIMS.
NO GREASE WAS FOUND ON THE OTHER TIRES AND RIMS. THE DRIVER
WAS A RESIDENT OF FOREST, VA.

ON MAR 10, MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL (MHP) OFFICERS,
STOPPED A 1991 FREIGHTLINER WITH TX PLATES AT A SCALE HOUSE.
THE DRIVER WAS TRAVELING EB ON I-44, EN ROUTE TO WILMINGTON,
IL, FROM EL PASO, TX. OFFICERS SEIZED 2,992 KGS OF MARIJUANA
HIDDEN IN 81 CASES COMINGLED WITH AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE
LOAD OF DRIED PEPPERS. THE DRIVER WAS IRANIAN, FROM LONG
BEACH, CA. THREE WEEKS RETURE, ON 2/19/99, 2,607 KGS OF
MARIJUANA WERE SEIZED AT THE SAME STOP. INFORMATION ON BILLS
OF LADING PAPERS APPEARID TO BE MILUS. THE TRUCK IS
REGISTERED TO A COMPANY BASED IN EL PASO. DOT INFORMATION
SHOWS 3 TRACTORS, 2 LEASED TRACTORS, AND FIVE DRIVERS LISTED
TO THE COMPANY.

ON MAR 10, USIS INSPECTORS AT THE EL PASO, TX, FDE SEIZED
362 KGS OF MARIJUANA WITHIN A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT BEHIND THE
BACK WALL OF A 1968 FORD 4000 TRUCK, WITH MX PLATES. A 12
INCH COMPARTMENT EXTENDED FROM THE CEILING TO THE FLOOR. TWO
METAL SHEETS CREATED A COMPARTMENT WITHIN A COMPARTMENT. IT
WAS DESIGNED TO GIVE A HOLLOW SOUND IF TAPPED OR TO DEFEAT A
DRILL PROBE. THE TRUCK WAS HAULING A LOAD OF PALLETS.

PACKAGING: EACH BOX WAS SEALED WITH PACKING TAPE AND THE BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA HAD DIFFERENT WRAPPINGS. SOME HAD CLEAR PLASTIC CONTAINING FABRIC SHEETS OR POWDERED BLEACH AND SOME WERE WRAPPED WITH ELECTRICAL TAPE. THE 700 BOXES OF PEPPERS WERE WRAPPED LIKE THE MARIJUANA. THE APPEARANCE OF THE MARIJUANA AND THE PEPPERS INDICATED THAT THE LOAD HAD BEEN WAREHOUSED AND STOCKPILED BEFORE SHIPPING.

ON MAR 10, MEMPHIS, TN, P.D. OFFICERS STOPPED TWO PRIVATE VEHICLES EB ON I-40, FOR SPEEDING AND SEIZED 2.7 KG OF COCAINE, AND .45 KGS OF HEROIN HIDDEN IN QUARTER PANELS.

SEIZED DOCUMENTS SHOWED CONNECTIONS TO A TRUCKING COMPANY IN FONTANA, CA, WHERE NUMEROUS TRUCK TIRE PURCHASES AND TIRE CHANGING RECEIPTS WERE EVIDENT. THE SUSPECTS WERE RESIDENTS OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (NV), AND THE COMPANY OWNER IS BASED IN FONTANA, A TRAFFICKING STAGING AREA FOR CONTRABAND COMING FROM THE CALIFORNIA-MEXICO BORDER. ONE VEHICLE HAD A FL PLATE AND THE OTHER WAS A RENTAL FROM LAS VEGAS. THE COMPANY HAD A DOT NUMBER, BUT SHOWS NO TRACTORS, TRAILERS OR DRIVERS. THERE WERE SIX ARRESTS.

ON MAR 11, NEBRASKA STATE PATROL (NESP) OFFICERS STOPPED A 1989 U-HAUL TRUCK WITH AR PLATES, EB ON I-80, AND SEIZED 28 KGS OF MARIJUANA AND 1.6 KGS OF METH CONCEALED WITHIN BOXES. THE FEMALE DRIVER WAS EN ROUTE TO SIOUX CITY, IOWA (IA), FROM FRESNO, CA, AND SHE HAS A CRIMINAL BACKGROUND FOR NARCOTICS. A MALE ASSOCIATE AT THE SAME ADDRESS WAS INCARCERATED ON 2/01/99, FOR DISTRIBUTING 6.5 KGS OF METH.

ON MAR 11, MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY PATROL (MSHP) OFFICERS STOPPED A 1989 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR PULLING A TRAILER (NFI), WITH MS PLATES, NB ON I-55, EN ROUTE TO MS FROM HOUSTON, TX, AND SEIZED 45.5 KGS OF MARIJUANA HIDDEN UNDERNEATH THE SLEEPER. THE COMPANY AND DRIVER WERE BASED IN JACKSON, MS. THE DRIVER HAD A CRIMINAL RECORD. NO DOT INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY WAS AVAILABLE.

ON MAR 12, USCS AGENTS AT THE HIDALGO, TX, POE SEIZED 640 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A 1984 FRUSHAUF TRAILER BEING TOWED BY A 1986 WHITE TRACTOR, BOTH WITH TX PLATES. THE MARIJUANA WAS SHEARED WITH GREASE AND CONCEALED BEHIND THE WALLS OF THE TRAILER. MOST OF THE MARIJUANA HAD "11," "N2," OR "7" STAMPED CUSTOMS UNDOES. THE TRACTOR-TRAILER UNIT HAD CLEARED AND WAS PARKED AT A PARKING LOT IN HIDALGO.

ON MAR 14, USCS INSPECTORS AT THE HIDALGO, TX, POE SEIZED

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417 KGS OF MARIJUANA (THE GROSS WEIGHT INCLUDING THE PVC
PIPES) FROM A FIFTH WHEEL TRAILER. THE MARIJUANA WAS CONCEALED
INSIDE 164 PVC PIPES HIDDEN BEHIND THE FRONT AND REAR WALL,
AND UNDER THE BEDROOM FLOOR. A K-9 ALERTED TO THE CONTRABAND.
AN INSIDE INSPECTION REVEALED A SHOWER WALL THAT HAD BEEN
EXTENDED. A "BUSTER" GAVE ABNORMAL READINGS IN THE WALL. A
FIBERSCOPE WAS USED TO VIEW THE INTERIOR OF THE MODIFIED WALL,
WHICH RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE PVC PIPES. THE NECK OF
THE TRAILER WAS ALSO MODIFIED. GREASE WAS USED AS A MASKING
AGENT. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF SHERBROUKE, QUEBEC,
CANADA, AND THE VEHICLE WAS RENTED IN QUEBEC. THREE SUSPECTS
WERE ARRESTED. THE FEMALE SUSPECT ONLY SPOKE FRENCH AND THE
OTHER TWO ARE BROTHERS. THE PASSENGERS WERE RELEASED.

ON MAR 14, USCS INSPECTORS AT THE TECATE, CA, POE SEIZED
2,739 KGS OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED BEHIND THE FRONT WALL OF A
1986 STROUGHTON TRAILER PULLED BY A 1981 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR,
BOTH WITH CA PLATES. A COVER LOAD OF FINE-GRAINED
EARTHENWARE POTTERY WAS IN THE TRAILER.

ON MAR 16, INS/RM AGENTS IN PRESIDIO, TX, SEIZED 292 KGS OF
MARIJUANA HIDDEN IN A LIVESTOCK TRAILER (NFI) BEING TOWED BY A
1986 FORD TRUCK WITH TX PLATES. THE MARIJUANA WAS IN METAL
BOXES HIDDEN INSIDE THE TRACTOR-TRAILER SPARE TIRES. BOTH
VEHICLES HAD FRESH MUD INDICATING A RECENT RIVER CROSSING.
THE MEXICAN DRIVER WAS FROM CHIHUAHUA, MX.

ON MAR 17, ROUND ROCK, TX, P.D. OFFICERS STOPPED A 1996
FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR PULLING A TRAILER (NFI) WITH IL PLATES,
NB ON I-35, EN ROUTE TO INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA (IN), FROM
LAREDO, TX, WITH 335 KGS OF MARIJUANA COMMINGLED IN A SHIPMENT
OF REFRIGERATOR COILS. THE OWNER AND COMPANY ARE BASED IN
LAREDO, TX, AS WAS THE DRIVER. THERE WAS NO DOT INFORMATION
ON THE COMPANY.

ON MAR 24, KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL (KSHF) OFFICERS STOPPED A 1996 FREIGHTLINER AND A TRAILER (NFI), BOTH WITH TX PLATES, NB ON I-35, IN ROUTE TO INDIANAPOLIS, IN, FROM LAREDO, TX. OFFICERS DISCOVERED 47 KGS OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED IN TWO DUFFEL BAGS AND ONE SUITCASE IN THE CAB OF THE TRACTOR. THE TRAILER HAD CROSSED THE BORDER AT EL PASO, TX, ON 2/24/99. THE TRUCK COMPANY HAS 50 DRIVERS.

ON MAR 24, USCS INSPECTORS AT THE TECATE, CA, POE SEIZED 415 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A 1986 INTERNATIONAL (NFI) TOWING A TRAILER (NFI) FILLED WITH CEMENT BRICKS. A K-9 FAILED TO DETECT THE MARIJUANA. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF TLUANA, MX.

ON MAR 26, MSHP STOPPED A 1994 FREIGHTLINER WITH TX PLATES, PULLING A TRAILER (NFI), NB ON I-59, EN ROUTE TO HATFIELD, PA, FROM MCALLEN, TX, AND DISCOVERED 413 KGS OF MARIJUANA COMINGLED WITH AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF ONIONS, CARROTS AND LIMCS. THE TRUCK COMPANY OWNER IS A RESIDENT OF DESOTO, TX, AND THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF IRVING, TX.

FOUR CONTACT PHONE NUMBERS WERE FOUND ON HIS PERSON. THE MARIJUANA WAS EN ROUTE TO CHARLOTTE, NC. ANOTHER COMPANY CONNECTED TO THE PRODUCE LOAD MAY ALSO BE SUSPECT. DOI INFORMATION SHOWS 3 TRACTORS, 11 TRAILERS, AND NO DRIVERS FOR THE COMPANY.

ON MAR 27, INS/RP AGENTS STOPPED A FORD F-800 DUMP TRUCK WITH A FICTITIOUS NM PLATE, ON I-10 NEAR (DIRECTION NOT GIVEN) LORDSBURG, NM, AND DISCOVERED 699 KGS OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED UNDER SCRAPWOOD. SIXTY-TWO BUNDLES WERE RECOVERED, SOME WERE MARKED WITH NUMBERS. TWO OTHER NM SUSPECTS WERE ARRESTED AT THEIR RESIDENCES.

ON MAR 29, INS/RP AGENTS AT THE FALFURRIAS, TX, CHECKPOINT STOPPED A 1996 PETERSILF TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES, NB ON U.S. 281. AGENTS DISCOVERED 1,774 KGS OF MARIJUANA INSIDE A 1993 UTILITY TRAILER, WITH TX PLATES. THE BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE WRAPPED IN PLASTIC, SWEAKED WITH MUSTARD, AND CONCEALED WITHIN BOXES OF AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF PRODUCE. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF SOUTH TEXAS. A K-9.

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ALERTED TO THE CONTRACTOR.

ON MAR 29, A TRAFFIC OFFICER STOPPED A TRUCK (NFI) AND TRAILER (NFI), BOTH WITH CA PLATES, EB ON I-40, EN ROUTE TO ANNAPOLIS, MD, FROM SAN DIEGO, CA, AND SEIZED 270 KGS OF MARIJUANA. THE MARIJUANA WAS CONCEALED BEHIND A FALSE WALL IN THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER. THE DRIVER AND PASSENGER WERE RESIDENTS OF SPRING VALLEY, CA, AND SAN DIEGO, CA, RESPECTIVELY. THE DRIVER HAD A NARCOTIC RECORD. NO DUT INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE FOR THE COMPANY.

ON MAR 29, USCS INSPECTORS AT THE LAREDO, TX, POF SEARCHED A 1994 CHEVROLET 3500 STAKE-SIDE TRUCK AND SEIZED 102 KGS OF MARIJUANA HIDDEN INSIDE DECORATIVE BLOCKS APPROXIMATELY 3 FEET SQUARE BY 3 FEET TALL. A COVER LOAD OF ORNAMENTAL LAWN FURNITURE WAS USED TO HIDE THE COLUMNS. METAL COMPARTMENTS HAD BEEN CONSTRUCTED TO SUPPORT THE MARIJUANA. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF MX, AND THE SHIPMENT ORIGINATED FROM MONTEKREY, MX, AND WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TX.

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POSITIVE DRUG TEST RESULTS.

THE FOLLOWING CLASSIC INDICATORS WERE RECENTLY SENT TO
EPIC FROM A 1/22/99, KY SEIZURE: (LATE REPORTING)

THERE WERE NO APPROPRIATE PERMITS OR WEIGHT-DISTANCE-
LICENSE FOR KY.

FREIGHT BILLS SHOWED THAT THE FURNITURE WAS BEING SENT
FROM TIJUANA, MX, TO SAN DIEGO, CA.

THE TRUCK WAS NOT PROCEEDING IN A DIRECT ROUTE TO THE
STATED DESTINATION. THE DRIVER HAD NO RESPONSE TO THAT.
TRIP LOGS SHOWED EXCESSIVE DOWN TIME INDIANA. HE CHANGED
HIS STORY TO A TEXAS DESTINATION.

WHEN ASKED ABOUT CURRENCY HE STATE THAT HE DIDN'T
HAVE ANY. \$12,000 WAS FOUND IN VARIOUS PLACES IN THE CAB.

A TOTAL OF \$116,210 WAS FOUND IN THE SLEEPING COMPARTMENT
CONCEALED IN VARIOUS CONTAINERS AND SHELVES. A K-9
ALERTED TO VARIOUS AREAS OF THE CAB.

THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF SAN YSIDRO, CA. THE COMPANY
IS ALSO BASED IN SAN YSIDRO. THE SUSPECT WAS INVOLVED IN A
\$54,900 SEIZURE ON 1/17/98, BY INSP IN A HOTEL ROOM.
SUSPECT SHOWED A FURNITURE ENTRY ON 2/11/99. LANE CHECKS
INFORMATION SHOWED 13 CROSSINGS AT SAN YSIDRO, CA.
INS RECORDS SHOWED VARIOUS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS FOR THE
SUSPECT. THROUGH THE AUTOTRACK DATABASE, VARIOUS ALIAS WERE
DEVELOPED.

SAFETY MEMO

NO INFORMATION TO REPORT.

ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ARE WELCOMED, AND SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO
CHIEF, EPIC, DOMESTIC UNIT, OR
EPIC/ILAS RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC

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- ALABAMA DPS
- ALABAMA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
- ALABAMA HIGHWAY PATROL DIV
- ALASKA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
- ARIZONA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
- ARKANSAS STATE POLICE CID
- LA CLEARINGHOUSE/WSIN
- WSIN - WESTERN STATES INFORMATION NETWORK
- CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
- COLORADO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
- CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE
- CONNECTICUT STATE POLICE UNIFORMED DIVISION
- DELAWARE STATE POLICE
- FLORIDA DEPT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
- FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL
- GEORGIA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
- GEORGIA HIGHWAY PATROL
- HAWAII POLICE ALLIANCE
- IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT
- IDAHO STATE POLICE
- ILLINOIS DEPT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT (DES PLAINES)
- ILLINOIS DEPT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT (SPRINGFIELD)
- ILLINOIS STATE POLICE
- INDIANA STATE POLICE DRUG ENFORCEMENT SECTION
- INDIANA STATE POLICE UNIFORMED SECTION
- IOWA DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
- IOWA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
- IOWA DIVISION OF NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT
- KANSAS BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
- KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL
- KENTUCKY STATE POLICE
- LOUISIANA STATE POLICE
- LOUISIANA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
- LOUISIANA STATE POLICE UNIFORMED PATROL
- MAINE DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
- MARYLAND STATE POLICE
- MARYLAND STATE POLICE UNIFORMED DIVISION
- MASSACHUSETTS DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
- MICHIGAN DEPT OF STATE POLICE (EAST LANSING)
- MICHIGAN DEPT OF STATE POLICE (LIVONIA)
- MINNESOTA BUREAU OF CRIMINAL APPREHENSION
- MISSISSIPPI BUREAU OF NARCOTICS
- MISSISSIPPI HIGHWAY PATROL
- MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

- MONTANA DEPT OF JUSTICE/CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION BUREAU
- MONTANA HIGHWAY PATROL
- NEBRASKA STATE POLICE DIVISION OF DRUG CONTROL
- NEBRASKA STATE PATROL
- NEVADA DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION AND NARCOTICS (LAS VEGAS)
- NEVADA DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION AND NARCOTICS (CARSON CITY)
- NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL
- NEW HAMPHSHIRE STATE POLICE
- NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE
- NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE
- NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE UNIFORM BUREAU
- NEW YORK STATE POLICE
- NORTH CAROLINA BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION/NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL
- NORTH DAKOTA DRUG ENFORCEMENT UNIT
- OHIO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
- OKLAHOMA STATE BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS
- OKLAHOMA LAW ENFORCEMENT
- OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL
- OREGON STATE POLICE
- PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE
- RHODE ISLAND DIVISION OF STATE POLICE
- SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION
- SOUTH CAROLINA AGGRESSIVE CRIMINAL ENFORC. TEAM
- SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL
- SOUTH DAKOTA DIVISION OF ENFORCEMENT CONTROL
- TENNESSEE BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
- TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL
- TEXAS DPS NARCOTICS
- TEXAS HIGHWAY PATROL
- UTAH DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
- UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL
- VERMONT DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
- VIRGINIA STATE POLICE OP. ALERT REQUEST
- WASHINGTON STATE POLICE
- WISCONSIN DEPT OF JUSTICE/DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
- WISCONSIN STATE POLICE
- WEST VIRGINIA STATE POLICE
- WYOMING DIVISION OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION
- WYOMING HIGHWAY PATROL

ATTENTION THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER IS EXPERIENCING COMMUNICATIONS FAILURE ON ITS IN-COMING TELEPHONE LINES. THE 1-800 NUMBERS AT EPIC ARE DOWN. [REDACTED] IS ALSO NOT FUNCTIONING. EPIC MAY BE REACHED FOR "OPERATION PIPELINE" RESPONSES AT THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS ONLY:

[REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] THIS OUTAGE MAY CONTINUE FOR THE NEXT 24 HOURS. INQUIRIES MAY ALSO BE MADE BY TELETYPE A [REDACTED]

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SECTION ONE OF TWO SECTIONS

EPIC BULLETIN [REDACTED]
SUBJECT: TRENDS IN CY98 AND CY99 HIGHWAY INTERDICTION CURRENCY SEIZURES.

FILE: [REDACTED] EPIC RESEARCH
CCX: A. [REDACTED] OP INTERSTATE PIPELINE (SEP 482)
B. [REDACTED] /EPIC POSTSEIZURE ANALYSIS

REFERENCES:
A. EPIC [REDACTED] DTG 132310Z MAY 97
B. EPIC BULLETIN [REDACTED] SUBJECT OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE CURRENCY SEIZURES.
C. EPIC BULLETIN [REDACTED] SUBJECT HIGHWAY INTERDICTION TRENDS CY98.

1. THE FOLLOWING IS DEA SENSITIVE AND MUST BE HANDLED AND PROTECTED ACCORDINGLY.
2. THIS IS AN UPDATE TO EPIC BULLETIN [REDACTED] USING SEIZURE DATA REPORTED TO EPIC BY THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL OFFICES PARTICIPATING IN OPERATIONS PIPELINE OR OPERATION CONVOY.
3. THE INDIVIDUAL YEAR U.S. CURRENCY SEIZURE TOTALS FOR THE HIGHWAY PROGRAMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:
 - CY86 \$14 MILLION
 - CY87 \$19 MILLION
 - CY88 \$28 MILLION
 - CY89 \$33 MILLION
 - CY90 \$24 MILLION
 - CY91 \$24 MILLION
 - CY92 \$45 MILLION
 - CY93 \$41 MILLION
 - CY94 \$43 MILLION
 - CY95 \$38 MILLION
 - CY96 \$52 MILLION
 - CY97 \$63 MILLION
 - CY98 \$86 MILLION
 - CY99 \$46 MILLION (01/01/99-08/31/99)

4. EPIC STATISTICS FOR HIGHWAY INTERDICTION PROGRAMS REVEAL A TOTAL OF \$556 MILLION U.S. DOLLARS HAS BEEN SEIZED OVER THE PAST 14 YEARS, FROM 1986 (FIRST RECORDED FIGURES) THROUGH THE END OF AUGUST 1999, OF WHICH OVER 50 PERCENT HAS BEEN SEIZED IN THE PAST 44 MONTHS. THE NUMBER OF LARGE CURRENCY SEIZURES (THOSE IN EXCESS OF \$100,000) INCREASED SIGNIFICANTLY DURING CY98 AND CY99. LARGE SEIZURES INCREASED FROM 45 IN CY97, TO 167 LARGE SEIZURES IN CY98, 47 OF WHICH EXCEEDED \$400,000. AFTER 8 MONTHS IN CY99 THERE HAVE BEEN 92 LARGE SEIZURES REPORTED, 18 OF WHICH EXCEEDED \$400,000. AS STATED IN EPIC BULLETIN [REDACTED] THE SIGNIFICANT INCREASES IN CURRENCY SEIZURES IN THE PAST FEW YEARS WERE PROBABLY THE RESULT OF THE MAY 28, 1996, BANK WIRE TRANSFER REGULATION THAT TOOK EFFECT. IT REQUIRED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO MAINTAIN RECORDS ON WIRE TRANSFERS OVER \$3,000 AND ALSO INSTITUTED A SYSTEM OF RECORDS MOVING WITH THE TRANSFER THAT INCLUDED THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND ACCOUNT NUMBER OF THE SENDER. THESE RECORDS FOLLOW THE MONEY REGARDLESS OF HOW MANY TRANSACTIONS ARE CONDUCTED, MAKING LAYERING MORE DIFFICULT AND MAY BE RESPONSIBLE FOR FORCING DRUG TRAFFICKERS TO MOVE CASH IN BULK. ANOTHER REASON THAT MAY HAVE HAD AN EFFECT ON SEIZURES IS AN INCREASE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING VIA THE OPERATIONS PIPELINE AND CONVOY TRAINING COURSES, COMBINED WITH POSTSEIZURE ANALYSIS OF DRUG AND DRUG MONEY CONCEALMENT TECHNIQUES USED BY TRAFFICKERS. THESE TWO LAW ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVES CONTRIBUTED TO INCREASED OFFICER AWARENESS DURING TRAFFIC STOPS, THEREBY INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SEIZURES.

5. A SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN REPORTED DESTINATION OF BULK CURRENCY HAS OCCURRED OVER THE PAST 3 YEARS. WHILE THE REPORTED AMOUNT OF CURRENCY SEIZURES DESTINED FOR FLORIDA CONTINUES TO INCREASE EACH YEAR, REPORTED CURRENCY SEIZURES DESTINED FOR CALIFORNIA HAVE DECREASED. HOWEVER, THERE HAS BEEN A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN CURRENCY SEIZURES DESTINED FOR TEXAS. IN CY96, REPORTED CURRENCY SEIZURES DESTINED FOR TEXAS AMOUNTED TO OVER \$5 MILLION. THERE HAS BEEN A STEADY INCREASE EACH YEAR, WITH REPORTED SEIZURES DESTINED FOR TEXAS ALMOST DOUBLING TO \$10 MILLION IN CY97, THEN TRIPLING TO OVER \$32 MILLION IN CY98. THIS RAPID INCREASE CORROBORATES INTELLIGENCE THAT MEXICAN DRUG TRAFFICKERS HAVE DEVELOPED A SOPHISTICATED DISTRIBUTION NETWORK AND ESTABLISHED THEMSELVES AS A DOMINANT FORCE IN BOTH THE TRANSPORTATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS IN THE UNITED STATES, DISPLACING COLOMBIAN TRAFFICKERS IN MANY AREAS ALONG THE EAST COAST. CY99 (JANUARY 1, 1999, THROUGH AUGUST 30, 1999) REPORTED SEIZURES DESTINED FOR TEXAS ARE DOUBLE THOSE DESTINED FOR FLORIDA, WITH MONEY DESTINED FOR CALIFORNIA LAGGING FAR BEHIND. THE RELATIVELY SHORT HAUL FROM SOUTH TEXAS TO MEXICO CITY'S BANKING CENTERS IS PROBABLY THE MOST SIGNIFICANT FACTOR IN THE MEXICAN TRAFFICKERS MOVEMENT PATTERNS. BASED ON OPEN SOURCES, TRANSPORTATION COSTS FROM TATAMOROS, MEXICO, TO MEXICO CITY, MEXICO, IS NEARLY HALF THAT OF ANY OTHER MEXICAN BORDER TOWN.

6. BASED ON DATA COLLECTED FOR CY98, OVER 60 PERCENT OF REPORTED HIGHWAY SEIZURES OCCUR DURING THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK (TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY). IN CY98, 88 PERCENT OF ALL REPORTED SEIZURES ORIGINATING IN NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY AND DESTINED FOR FLORIDA ALONG INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 95, OCCURRED ON TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY, WITH ALL REPORTED SEIZURES ORIGINATING IN GEORGIA, AND DESTINED FOR FLORIDA, OCCURRING DURING THOSE THREE DAYS OF THE WEEK. THIS MAY BE EXPLAINED BY A NUMBER OF FACTORS, INCLUDING THE INCREASE OF DRUG SALES DURING THE WEEKEND, THE CORRESPONDING CONSOLIDATION OF THOSE WEEKEND PROCEEDS AT THE DISTRIBUTOR LEVEL, THEN PREPARING AND SHIPPING THE BULK CASH. WHILE EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK HAS ITS SHARE OF SEIZURES, EPIC RESEARCH SUSPECTS THE MONEY BEGINS IT JOURNEY SOUTH ON SUNDAY, MONDAY, OR TUESDAY. DRIVING TIMES FROM CHICAGO ILLINOIS, DETROIT MICHIGAN, AND NEW YORK, NEW YORK AVERAGE 2-3 DAYS DEPENDING ON ROUTE AND NUMBER OF DRIVERS. BASED ON THE LARGE NUMBER OF SEIZURES IN GEORGIA, FLORIDA, AND TEXAS DURING THE MIDDLE OF THE WEEK, THIS WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE THAT THE LARGE CURRENCY TRANSPORTERS ARRIVE AT THEIR FINAL DESTINATION ON THURSDAY, FRIDAY OR SATURDAY. WE MAY DEDUCE THAT ANOTHER REASON FOR MOVEMENT DURING THE WEEK, MAY BE AN INCREASE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT ALONG THE HIGHWAYS DURING THE WEEKEND. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT DRUG TRAFFICKERS HAVE A ROUTINE SIMILAR TO NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS THAT REQUIRE COURIERS TO MOVE DURING THE WEEK TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF INCREASED COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC AND OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTED DURING PEAK TOURIST BORDER CROSSING PERIODS ON THE WEEKENDS. MOVING MONEY OUT OF THE UNITED STATES, ALONGSIDE THE THOUSANDS OF WEEKEND VISITORS TO MEXICO, OR THE BAHAMAS, MAKES GOOD SENSE FROM AN OPERATIONAL STANDPOINT. THEY SIMPLY BLEND IN WITH THE EXODUS.

7. BASED ON REPORTED INFORMATION RECEIVED AT EPIC, DRUG CURRENCY TRANSPORTERS FROM THE GREAT LAKES AREA AND NORTHEAST UNITED STATES DESTINED FOR SOUTH FLORIDA, CONTINUE TO USE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 75 AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 95 AS THEIR PRIMARY ROUTES. BOTH ROUTES TRAVEL THROUGH GEORGIA WHERE THE MAJORITY OF CURRENCY SEIZURES OCCUR. THE PRIMARY ROUTES FROM THE GREAT LAKES AREA AND THE EAST COAST INTO TEXAS ARE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 30, INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 35, AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 10. PRIMARY ROUTES INTO CALIFORNIA ARE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 5, INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 8, INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 10, INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 17, AND INTERSTATE HIGHWAY 40.

8. THE MAJORITY OF CURRENCY SEIZURES OCCUR BETWEEN 0800 AND 2400 HOURS WHICH SUGGESTS CURRENCY TRANSPORTERS SIMPLY FOLLOW NORMAL DRIVING HOURS DURING THE DAY AND EVENING. EVEN TRANSPORTERS CARRYING IN EXCESS OF \$100,000 FOLLOW NORMAL DRIVING HOURS SO THERE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE A PREFERRED TIME TO FOR CURRENCY TRANSPORTERS TO MOVE THEIR CARGO.

9. THE SOUTHERN MOVEMENT OF MONEY ALONG OUR HIGHWAYS CONTINUES AT A RECORD PACE. LOGISTICALLY, THE TRAFFICKERS LOOK AT IT AS ANOTHER COMMODITY TO BE COLLECTED, PACKAGED, AND SHIPPED TO ITS INTENDED DESTINATION. THE PREFERRED DESTINATION APPEARS TO BE SHIFTING MORE AND MORE TOWARDS MEXICO, VIA TEXAS, AND AS MEXICAN DISTRIBUTION ORGANIZATIONS INCREASE THE SIZE OF THEIR MARKETS WE CAN EXPECT TO SEE CURRENCY SEIZURES DESTINED FOR TEXAS TO INCREASE.

10. IF EPIC CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, AT [REDACTED] POC IS [REDACTED] CHIEF, DOMESTIC UNIT.

APPROVED BY: [REDACTED] CHIEF
RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

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SECTION ONE OF EIGHT SECTIONS
SUBJECT: SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL SEIZURES MESSAGE
FEBRUARY 1999

OPERATION CONVOY
EPIC POSTSEIZURE ANALYSIS

THE INFORMATION IN THIS TELETYPE IS DERIVED FROM MULTISOURCE/MULTIAGENCY INFORMATION RECEIVED AT EPIC. THE INFORMATION IS DEA SENSITIVE AND SHOULD BE HANDLED ACCORDINGLY. THIS UNSOLICITED TELETYPE CONCERNS THE SEIZURE OF DRUGS AND RELATED PROCEEDS FROM COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES (CMV) ON HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES BY FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. MOST OF THE SEIZURES OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF TRAFFIC STOPS OR LICENSE AND WEIGHT INSPECTIONS. IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE AND BORDER PATROL (INS/(BP) CHECKPOINT AND SOME PORT-OF-ENTRY (POE) SEIZURES, ARE ALSO INCLUDED.

THIS IS THE SECOND IN A SERIES OF MONTHLY INTELLIGENCE MESSAGES COVERING SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL SEIZURES MEETING OR EXCEEDING THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: 45.5 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE OR MARIJUANA; 28 GRAMS OF HEROIN; 1 KILOGRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH); \$100,000 CURRENCY (USC). LATE REPORTING WILL BE DISSEMINATED IN SUBSEQUENT TELETYPES. THIS DATA IS SELECTED TO SUPPORT INTERDICTION AND FACILITATE THE ANALYSIS OF DRUG TRAFFICKING TRENDS/PATTERNS INVOLVING CMV UTILIZATION IN THE MOVEMENT OF CONTRABAND.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS:

CMV SEIZURE SUMMARY
CHECKPOINT STOPS

TRADITIONAL STOPS
SEIZURES FEB 1998 FEB 1999 FEB 1998 EB 1999

MARIJUANA:	2,310 KGS	6,599 KGS	7,787 KGS	13,629 KGS
COCAINE:	0	1,000 KGS	0	22 KGS
HEROIN	0	0	0	0
METH	0	0	0	0
USC	\$0.0	\$806,425	(DATA NOT COLLECTED)	
		(\$161,354/STOP)		

MARIJUANA QUANTITIES SEIZED IN TRADITIONAL HIGHWAY STOPS AND CHECKPOINT INSPECTIONS IN FEBRUARY (FEB) 1999 INCREASED 2 TO 3 TIMES DURING FEB 1998. COCAINE SEIZURE QUANTITIES INCREASED IN

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FEB 1999 COMPARED TO FEB 1998 FOR BOTH TRADITIONAL AND CHECKPOINT STOPS AS CITED ABOVE.

USC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$806,425 WAS SEIZED FROM 3 STOPS THIS MONTH, WHICH IS UP FROM CY98 MONTHLY AVERAGE OF \$1,500. CURRENCY SEIZURES, WHICH ARE TRADITIONALLY MADE EN ROUTE TO THE BORDER, GENERALLY DO NOT OCCUR AT CHECKPOINTS AND ARE NOT COMPILED AT THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER (EPIC).

FEBRUARY 1999 MARIJUANA TRENDS:

HIGHWAY STOPS:

SEIZURES INVOLVING OVER 100 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA INCREASED DRAMATICALLY IN FEB 1999 (6,641 KGS AT 553 KGS PER STOP) COMPARED TO FEB 1998 (2,249 KGS AT 187 KGS PER STOP). THIS FOLLOWS AN INCREASED TREND SINCE OCTOBER (OCT) 1998.

CHECKPOINT STOPS:

FEBRUARY 1999 CHECKPOINT SEIZURES GREATER THAN 100 POUNDS SHOWED A DRAMATIC INCREASE TO 13,692 KGS, WITH AN AVERAGE OF 507 KGS EACH FROM 27 STOPS, WHICH DEMONSTRATES A CONTINUING TREND. FEB 1998 HAD 13 STOPS WITH A TOTAL OF 7,787 KGS SEIZED AT AN AVERAGE OF 599 KGS PER STOP.

DESTINATION-ORIGIN-HIGHWAYS:

43 PERCENT AT 1,417 KGS PER LOAD TO ILLINOIS (IL)
25 PERCENT AT 1,681 KGS FOR 1 STOP TO FLORIDA (FL)
10 PERCENT AT 677 KGS FOR 1 STOP TO PENNSYLVANIA (PA)

OVER 87 PERCENT OF THE MARIJUANA ORIGINATED IN TEXAS (TX). THE ORIGIN OF 13 PERCENT WAS NOT REPORTED.

FEBRUARY 1999 COCAINE TRENDS:

THERE WERE NO COCAINE SEIZURES IN FEB 1998. FEB 1999 SEIZURES SHOW OVER 82 PERCENT EN ROUTE TO IL, 10 PERCENT TO NEW JERSEY (NJ) AND 8 PERCENT TO GEORGIA (GA).

ONLY 22 KGS OF COCAINE WERE SEIZED DURING FEB 1999 CHECKPOINTS.

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FEBRUARY 1999 CURRENCY TRENDS:

THERE WERE NO SEIZURES OF CURRENCY IN FEB 1998. IN FEB 1999,
\$806,425 WAS SEIZED IN 3 STOPS EN ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA (CA) (51
PERCENT), GA (38 PERCENT), AND TX (11 PERCENT) WITH AN AVERAGE
SEIZURE OF \$268,808. THIS COMPARES TO A TOTAL OF \$1,290,834 SEIZED
FROM 8 PRIVATE VEHICLES WITH AN AVERAGE OF \$161,354 PER SEIZURE IN
FEB 1999.

BETWEEN OCTOBER 1998 AND FEB 1999, THERE WERE 7 SEIZURES OVER.
\$100,000:

10/10 - \$668,806	TX SEIZURE IL TO TX
11/07 - \$266,889	IL SEIZURE MD TO CA
11/13 - \$2,169,108	TX SEIZURE TX TO TX
11/18 - \$1,000,000	PA SEIZURE PA TO AZ
01/22 - \$124,210	KY SEIZURE KY TO CA
02/12 - \$412,749	IL SEIZURE IN TO CA
02/17 - \$305,346	TN SEIZURE GA TO TX (TX-IL-GA-TX) WITH 227 KGS MARIJUANA

SEIZURES/CONCEALMENT:

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ON FEB 2, MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL (MOHP) OFFICERS STOPPED A 1992
PETERBILT TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES PULLING A 1988 TEMPE TRAILER WITH
OKLAHOMA (OK) PLATES EASTBOUND (EN) ON I-40 EN ROUTE TO NJ FROM

EDINBURG, TX. OFFICERS SEIZED 295 KGS OF MARIJUANA COMMINGLED WITH AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF LIMES. THE DRIVER USED ADDRESSES FROM WESLACO AND DONNA, TX. HE ALSO HAD PERMITS FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS.

ON FEB 3, TXDPS OFFICERS AND USCS AGENTS IN EDINBURG, TX, STOPPED A 1995 PETERBILT TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES PULLING A 1984 UTILITY TRAILER WITH MAINE (ME) PLATES, NB ON U.S. 281, AND SEIZED 1,681 KGS OF MARIJUANA COMMINGLED WITH AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF ICED CILANTRO. A TOTAL OF 105 BUNDLES WEIGHING 16 KGS EACH, WERE NUMBERED IN BLACK INK AND MASKED WITH GREASE. THE TRUCKING COMPANY AND THE DRIVER WERE BASED IN PHARR, TX. THE LOAD WAS EN ROUTE TO FL FROM MCALLEN, TX. THE K-9 ALERTED TO THE REAR DOORS, BUT DUE TO THE ICE, THE DOG DID NOT INDICATE NORMALLY BY SITTING. INSTEAD, HE SCRATCHED AT THE ICE. ICED CILANTRO IS NORMAL, BUT THIS COULD BE A NATURAL MASKING PLOY. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) INFORMATION SHOWS NO TRUCKS OR DRIVERS LISTED. THE STREET VALUE OF THE MARIJUANA WAS ESTIMATED AT \$2,962,000.

ON FEB 3, TXDPS OFFICERS STOPPED A 1985 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR WITH FL PLATES PULLING A FLATBED TRAILER, NB ON U.S. 77, EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TX, FROM MCALLEN, TX. OFFICERS SEIZED 454 KGS OF MARIJUANA UNDER THE SLEEPER. NO LEGITIMATE LOAD WAS BEING TRANSPORTED. THE LARGE COMPANY IS BASED OUT OF LANCASTER, PA. DOT CENSUS INFORMATION SHOWS FIVE DIFFERENT CARGO PERMITS. THE COMPANY HAS 95 LEASED AND 20 TRIP-LEASED TRACTORS AND EMPLOYS ABOUT 119 DRIVERS. THERE WAS A GOOD CHANCE THAT THIS LOAD WAS EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FL, WHICH WAS THE RESIDENCE OF THE DRIVER. LARGE COMPANIES ARE USUALLY NOT INVOLVED IN THE TRAFFICKING.

ON FEB 4, USCS AGENTS STOPPED A 1999 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES PULLING A TRAILER WITH INDIANA (IN) PLATES, NB ON U.S. 87 NEAR LAMESA, TX, NORTH OF MIDLAND, TX. AGENTS SEIZED 489 KGS OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED IN BOXES INSIDE THE TRAILER. IT WAS EN ROUTE TO KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI (MO), FROM EL PASO, TX. IN THIS INSTANCE, THE MARIJUANA WAS LOADED IN EL PASO. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF

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MARSHALL, MINNESOTA (MN). USCS AGENTS BELIEVE THAT THE MARIJUANA
CROSSED THE UNITED STATES/MEXICO BORDER CONCEALED IN FALSE
COMPARTMENTS BUILT INSIDE THE GAS TANKS OF PRIVATE CARS.

ON FEB 4, INS/BP AGENTS, AT THE FALFURRIES, TX, CHECKPOINT
STOPPED A 1985 PETERBILT TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES PULLING A TRAILER
(NFI) AND DISCOVERED 1,995 KGS OF MARIJUANA IN THE TRAILER INSIDE
BOXES COMMINGLED WITH AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF CARROTS. THE
DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF PHARR, TX, AND THE OWNER WAS BASED IN ALAMO,
TX. COMPANY DOT INFORMATION SHOWED ONLY 1 TRACTOR, TRAILER, AND
DRIVER.
(POSSIBLY RELATED TO FEB 8 BELOW)

ON FEB 5, INS/BP AGENTS AT THE ALAMOGORDO, NEW MEXICO (NM),
CHECKPOINT STOPPED A 1995 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR PULLING A TRAILER,
BOTH WITH TX PLATES, NB ON U.S. 54, AND SEIZED 236 KGS OF MARIJUANA
COMMINGLED WITH AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF TOYS FROM CA. THE
DRIVER AND PASSENGER WERE RESIDENTS OF CORDOVA, TENNESSEE (TN). A K-
9 ALERTED TO THE LOAD.

ON FEB 8, INS/BP AGENTS AT THE FALFURRIAS, TX, CHECKPOINT
STOPPED A 1989 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES PULLING A 1996
GRAIN HOPPER, NB ON U.S. 281, EN ROUTE TO FALFURRIAS FROM MISSION,
TX, AND SEIZED 101 KGS OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED IN A FALSE WALL BEHIND
THE SLEEPER. THE DRIVER AND THE PASSENGER WERE RESIDENTS OF MISSION
AND WESLACO, TX, RESPECTIVELY.

ON FEB 8, PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE (PASP) OFFICERS STOPPED ONE
OF THE LOOKOUT VEHICLES, A KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH LOUISIANA (LA)
PLATES, WESTBOUND (WB) ON I-76. THE LOAD WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO,
IL, BUT HAD BEEN DETOURED TO NEW YORK (NY) BEFORE GOING TO CHICAGO.
OFFICERS SEIZED 820 KGS OF COCAINE AT THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER. THE
PACKAGES WERE LACED WITH POWDERED BLEACH. THE TWO ABOVE TRUCKS HAD
BEEN LOADED AT A DONNA, TX, PRODUCE DISTRIBUTOR. ALL THE SUSPECTS
AND OWNERS WERE RESIDENTS OF SOUTH TX CITIES. THE TRUCK, WHICH WAS
LOADED WITH WATERMELON, IS STILL UNACCOUNTED FOR. IT IS A WHITE
PETERBILT WITH TX REGISTRATION, PULLING A WHITE TRAILER FROM
EDINBURG, TX.

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ON FEB 9, INS/BP AGENTS AT THE OROGRANDE, NM, CHECKPOINT STOPPED A 1997 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR PULLING A TRAILER, NB ON U.S. 54, EN ROUTE TO AMARILLO, TX, FROM EL PASO, TX. AGENTS SEIZED 268 KGS OF MARIJUANA LOCATED IN DUFFEL BAGS IN THE CAB. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF FONTANA, CA.

ON FEB 10, ILLINOIS STATE POLICE (ILSP) OFFICERS STOPPED A 1999 WHITE GMC TRACTOR PULLING A TRAILER, BOTH WITH NJ PLATES, SOUTHBOUND (SB) ON U.S. 251, EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK, NY, FROM SCOTTSDALE, AZ. OFFICERS SEIZED 201 KGS OF MARIJUANA BOXED AND HIDDEN IN THE SLEEPER AREA OF THE CAB. THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED WITH CONTACT PAPER. THE THREE OCCUPANTS WERE RESIDENTS OF NY AND WERE YUGOSLAVIANS. THE OWNER WAS ALSO YUGOSLAVIAN AND BASED IN LINDEN, NJ.

ON FEB 11, INS/BP AGENTS IN FREER, TX, STOPPED A 1994 PETERBILT TRACTOR PULLING A FLATBED TRAILER, BOTH WITH OK PLATES, NB ON U.S. 50. AGENTS SEIZED 182 KGS OF MARIJUANA IN THE SLEEPING AREA OF THE CAB. THE TWO SUSPECTS WERE RESIDENTS OF LAREDO, TX. THE REGISTERED OWNER WAS BASED IN OKLAHOMA CITY, OK.

ON FEB 12, ILSP OFFICERS STOPPED A 1996 FORD TRACTOR WITH CA PLATES PULLING A CAR-HAULER TRAILER WITH PA PLATES, WB ON I-80. THE DRIVER WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CA, FROM NEW YORK CITY, NY. A TOTAL OF \$412,759 IN USC WAS SEIZED BY THE OFFICERS. THE LOS ANGELES, CA, RESIDENT WAS HAULING A 1989 TOYOTA CAR REGISTERED TO A SOUTH GATE, CA, RESIDENT. THE CURRENCY WAS IN THE TRUNK SECURED BY FOUR PADLOCKS. A K-9 ALERTED TO THE TRUCK AND THE MONEY. DOT INFORMATION SHOWED A COMPANY WITH ONE TRACTOR, TRAILER AND DRIVER BASED IN BAKERSFIELD, CA. THE VEHICLE WAS STOPPED FOR AN IMPROPER LANE CHANGE.

ON FEB 12, TXDPS OFFICERS STOPPED A 1988 KENWORTH TRACTOR PULLING A BLACK DIAMOND TRAILER, BOTH WITH TX PLATES, FOR A ROUTINE INSPECTION, EB ON I-20. THE DRIVER WAS EN ROUTE TO MICHIGAN (MI) FROM EL PASO, TX, WHEN THE OFFICERS SEIZED 677 KGS OF MARIJUANA COMMINGLED WITH PALLETS OF STYROFOAM CONTAINERS. DOT INFORMATION SHOWED NO TRACTOR/TRAILERS OR DRIVERS LISTED TO THE COMPANY. A K-9.

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ALERTED TO THE LOAD. THE SUSPECT IS A RESIDENT OF WETLAND, MI, AND HAD A DRIVER'S LICENSE FROM BAYTOWN, TX. LANE CHECKS SHOWED THE TRAILER CROSSING THE BORDER AT EL PASO ON 2/3/99, 1/29/99, 11/02/98, AND 10/28/98. THE TRAILER OWNER WAS A RESIDENT EL PASO. A PASSENGER WAS A RESIDENT OF EL PASO AND WAS ARRESTED ALONG WITH THE DRIVER.

ON FEB 16, MOHP OFFICERS STOPPED A 1987 FORD TRUCK PULLING A GAF HORSE TRAILER, BOTH WITH CA PLATES, FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION, EB ON I-70, EN ROUTE TO PEORIA, IL, FROM EL PASO, TX. OFFICERS SEIZED 349 KGS OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED IN A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT IN THE TRAILER. THE RIVERSIDE, CA, DRIVER HAS BEEN PAID \$5,000 TO DELIVER THE CONTRABAND. THE BUNDLES WERE SHRINK-WRAPPED AND SECURED BY GRAY DUCT TAPE.

ON FEB 16, INS/BP AGENTS AT THE FALFURRIAS, TX, CHECKPOINT STOPPED A 1998 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES PULLING A FLATBED TRUCK WITH IN PLATES, NB ON U.S. 281, EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GA, FROM BROWNSVILLE, TX. OFFICERS SEIZED 165 KGS OF MARIJUANA HIDDEN IN THE SLEEPER AREA. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF EDINBURG, TX, AS IS THE OWNER.

ON FEB 17, USCS AGENTS, ABILENE, TX, STOPPED A 1992 FORD TRACTOR PULLING A FLATBED TRAILER HAULING A STEAMROLLER, EASTBOUND (EB) ON I-10, EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM EL PASO, TX. AGENTS SEIZED 252 KGS OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED IN THE FRONT ROLLER. THE MARIJUANA WAS RIVER-CROSSED NEAR FORT HANCOCK, TX. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF ODESSA, MO.

ON FEB 17, USCS INSPECTORS, AT THE OTAY MESA, CA, POE SEIZED 152 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A 1978 FRUEHAUF TRAILER WITH CA PLATES, CONCEALED IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT INSIDE THE FRONT WALL. A DISCREPANCY IN THE DENSITY OF THE WALL WAS DETECTED USING A "BUSTER." LANE CHECKS INDICATED THAT THE TRAILER CROSSED THE UNITED STATES/MEXICO BORDER 224 TIMES LAST YEAR. THE TRACTOR WAS A GMC TRACTOR WITH CA PLATES. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF TIJUANA, MEXICO (MX), AND WAS NOT ARRESTED.

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ON FEB 17, INS/BP AGENTS AT THE FALFURRIAS, TX, CHECKPOINT STOPPED A 1995 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH TN PLATES TOWING A 1998 UTILITY TRAILER WITH ME PLATES, NB ON U.S. 281, AND SEIZED 100 KGS OF MARIJUANA UNDER THE BED AND IN THE CLOSETS OF THE SLEEPER COMPARTMENT. THE TRUCK WAS HAULING AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF CLOTHING EN ROUTE TO FORT WORTH, TX, FROM WESLACO, TX. THE TRUCKING COMPANY IS BASED IN LEBANON, TN, AND THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF EDINBURG, TX.

ON FEB 17, INS/BP AGENTS AT THE FALFURRIAS, TX, CHECKPOINT STOPPED A 1995 PETERBILT TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES PULLING A 1998 UTILITY TRAILER, EN ROUTE TO IL FROM BROWNSVILLE, TX. THE TRACTOR CROSSED THE UNITED STATES/MEXICO BORDER ON 2/16/99. A TOTAL OF 185 KGS OF MARIJUANA WAS FOUND AT THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER BEHIND A LOAD OF PLASTIC. THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER OWNERS WERE RESIDENTS OF EDINBURG, TX. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF NEARBY HIDALGO, TX.

ON FEB 17, INS/BP AGENTS AT THE FALFURRIAS, TX, CHECKPOINT STOPPED A TRACTOR (MFI) WITH TX PLATES FROM MERCEDES, TX, NB ON U.S. 281, AND SEIZED 134 KGS OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED INSIDE STORAGE BOXES ON THE DOONAN FLATBED TRAILER. A DEODORIZER WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT. THE TRACTOR-TRAILER BELONGED TO A PRODUCE COMPANY BASED IN MERCEDES, TX, AND THE TWO SUSPECTS WERE RESIDENTS OF MERCEDES AND PHARR, TX.

ON FEB 17, MISSISSIPPI STATE POLICE (MSSP) OFFICERS STOPPED A 1999 KENWORTH TRACTOR FROM ANGLETON, TX, EB ON I-20, EN ROUTE TO ROCKAWAY, NJ, FROM HOUSTON, TX, AND SEIZED 100 KGS OF COCAINE HIDDEN IN THE CAB. THE TRAILER HAD AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF ICE CREAM. THE BUNDLES WERE SHEARED WITH GREASE AND HAD NO MARKINGS. THE DRIVER AND OWNER WERE RESIDENTS OF THE HOUSTON AREA. THE DRIVER RECEIVED THE COCAINE IN HOUSTON AND WAS PAID \$10,000 FOR THE DELIVERY TO NY. THE DRIVER WAS WORKING FOR AN ORGANIZATION THAT HAD BEEN DISTRIBUTING TO NY FOR 5 YEARS. A CONTROLLED DELIVERY NETTED TWO MORE SUSPECTS, RESIDENTS OF HOUSTON. NO DOT INFORMATION FOR THE COMPANY IS AVAILABLE. A DOT RECORD SHOWED SIMILAR COMPANY NAMES BASED IN SAN ANTONIO, SAN ANTONIO, AND WESLACO, TX.

ON FEB 17, TENNESSEE STATE POLICE (TNSP) OFFICERS STOPPED A 1985
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KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES PULLING A TRAILER, SB ON I-24, WITH A ROUTE OF EL PASO-CHICAGO-ATLANTA. THE VEHICLE WAS STOPPED AT THE SCALES FOR A ROUTINE INSPECTION. A TOTAL OF 227 KGS OF MARIJUANA AND \$291,346 WERE CONCEALED IN HOLLOWED OUT PLYWOOD. ANOTHER \$14,000 WAS FOUND ON THE DRIVER. THE DRIVER HAD LOADED THE MARIJUANA IN EL PASO, TX, AND PROCEEDED TO CHICAGO, IL. AFTER COLLECTING PROCEEDS FROM PREVIOUS MARIJUANA SALES, THE DRIVER WAS STOPPED BY TN OFFICERS WHILE EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GA. THE MONEY WOULD HAVE BEEN EVENTUALLY RETURNED TO EL PASO. THE DRIVER/OWNER AND ONE PASSENGER WERE RESIDENTS OF EL PASO. ANOTHER PASSENGER WAS A RESIDENT OF AMARILLO, TX. DOT INFORMATION SHOWED THE COMPANY IS BASED IN EL PASO WITH 1 TRACTOR AND 1 DRIVER. A DIFFERENT TRUCK COMPANY NAME WAS PRINTED ON THE TRACTOR DOOR AND IS ALSO BASED IN EL PASO. (TOTAL USC: \$305,346)

ON FEB 18, INS/BP AGENTS AT THE LAREDO, TX, CHECKPOINT STOPPED A 1981 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES PULLING A TRAILER, NB ON I-35, EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TX, FROM LAREDO, TX, AND SEIZED 157 KGS OF MARIJUANA COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF ELECTRICAL PARTS. LANE CHECKS INDICATED THAT THE TRACTOR CROSSED THE UNITED STATES/MEXICO BORDER ON 2/17/99. THE TRUCKING COMPANY IS BASED IN LAREDO, TX, AS WAS THE DRIVER.

ON FEB 18, INS/BP AGENTS AT THE LAREDO, TX, CHECKPOINT STOPPED A 1995 PETERBILT TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES PULLING A TRAILER, NB ON I-35, EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TX, AND SEIZED 126 KGS OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED IN BOXES. LANE CHECKS SHOWED THAT THE TRAILER CROSSED THE UNITED STATES/MEXICO BORDER AT LAREDO, TX, ON 2/17/99. THE TRUCKING COMPANY IS BASED IN HOUSTON, TX. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF LAREDO, TX.

ON FEB 18, ARKANSAS STATE POLICE (ARSP) OFFICERS STOPPED A FORD U-HAUL WITH TN PLATES, EB ON I-40, EN ROUTE TO STAUNTON, VIRGINIA (VA), FROM LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (NV). OFFICERS SEIZED 1.7 KGS OF METH IN A SUITCASE IN THE TRUCK. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF STAUNTON. AN ESCORT VEHICLE WAS USED TO WATCH FOR POLICE. THE PASSENGER WAS A RESIDENT OF FISHERVILLE, VA.

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ON FEB 19, INS/BP AGENTS AT THE ORD GRANDE, NM, CHECKPOINT STOPPED A 1998 PETERBILT TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES PULLING A TRAILER (NFI), NB ON U.S. 54, AND SEIZED 129 KGS OF MARIJUANA IN DUFFEL BAGS HIDDEN BEHIND BOXES OF SEAT COVERS IN THE TRAILER. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF EL PASO, TX, AND THE PASSENGER WAS A RESIDENT OF CHAPARRAL, NM.

ON FEB 19, INS/BP AGENTS AT THE LAREDO, TX, CHECKPOINT STOPPED A 1984 FORD BOBTAIL TRUCK WITH TX PLATES, NB ON I-35, EN ROUTE TO SAN ANTONIO, TX, FROM LAREDO, AND SEIZED 838 KGS OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED UNDERNEATH A PIECE OF CARPET AND IN MUSIC SPEAKERS. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF LA BLANCA, TX, AND THE TWO PASSENGERS WERE RESIDENTS OF MISSION AND PHARR, TX. A K-9 ALERTED TO THE NARCOTICS.

ON FEB 19, INS/BP AGENTS AT THE LAREDO, TX, CHECKPOINT STOPPED A 1993 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES PULLING A TRAILER NB ON I-35, EN ROUTE TO SAN ANTONIO, TX, FROM LAREDO, TX. AGENTS SEIZED 183 KGS OF MARIJUANA IN THE TRAILER CONCEALED INSIDE BOXES. LANE CHECKS INDICATED THAT THE TRAILER CROSSED THE UNITED STATES/MEXICO BORDER AT DEL RIO, TX, ON 2/11/99. THE DRIVER AND 2 PASSENGERS WERE RESIDENTS OF THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY OF TEXAS.

ON FEB 19, INS/BP AGENTS AT THE FALFURRIAS, TX, CHECKPOINT STOPPED A 1999 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR WITH TN PLATES TOWING A 1991 UTILITY TRAILER WITH TX PLATES, NB ON U.S. 281, AND SEIZED 100 KGS OF MARIJUANA HIDDEN IN THE SLEEPER AREA. A MASKING AGENT OF MUSTARD WAS USED. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF SAN JUAN, TX.

ON FEB 19, USCS INSPECTORS AT THE TECATE, CA, POE SEARCHED A 1983 FORD BOBTAIL TRUCK WITH TIJUANA, MX, PLATES AND SEIZED 304 KGS OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED IN A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT LOCATED BETWEEN THE CAB AND THE CARGO AREA. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF WINDSOR, CA. A MASKING AGENT OF GREASE WAS USED ON THE PACKAGES.

ON FEB 19, MOHP OFFICERS STOPPED A 1983 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES, EB ON I-44, EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM LAREDO, TX, AND SEIZED 2,607 KGS OF MARIJUANA COMMINGLED WITH AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF ARIZONA BOTTLED DRINK AND ICE TEA MIX. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF DALLAS, TX, AND THE TRUCKING COMPANY IS BASED OUT OF

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DESOTO, TX. DOT INFORMATION SHOWS THE COMPANY HAS 4 TRACTORS, 6
TRAILERS, AND 5 DRIVERS LISTED TO THE COMPANY.

ON FEB 20, USCS INSPECTORS, AT THE EL PASO, TX, POE SEIZED 149
KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR WITH MX PLATES, HIDDEN
IN 8 TRAILER TIRES WITH HALF-MOON SHAPED METAL CONTAINERS FOR
SUPPORT. THE MARIJUANA WAS DISCOVERED BY THE PORT X-RAY MACHINE.
THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF CIUDAD JUAREZ, MX. THE DRIVER WAS
RELEASED. (SEE 2/24/99 FOR MORE DETAILS.)

ON FEB 20, INS/BP AGENTS, AT THE LAREDO, TX, CHECKPOINT STOPPED
A 1994 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR PULLING A 1984 FRUEHAUF TRAILER, BOTH
WITH TX PLATES, NB ON I-35, EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM LAREDO.
THEY SEIZED 2,570 KGS OF MARIJUANA AND 22 KGS OF COCAINE IN CARDBOARD
BOXES COMMINGLED WITH AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF COOKIES.

ON FEB 21, TXDPS OFFICERS STOPPED A 1989 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR
WITH TX PLATES PULLING A TRAILER, EB ON U.S. 81, NEAR ROMA, TX, EN
ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TX, AND THEN TO NY, FROM PHARR, TX. THE TRUCK WAS
STOPPED FOR SPEEDING. A TOTAL OF 202 KGS OF MARIJUANA WAS
DISCOVERED IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT UNDER THE
SLEEPER MATTRESS. THE OWNER IS A RESIDENT OF EDINBURG, TX, AND
THE COMPANY IS BASED OUT OF HEREFORD, TX. THE DRIVER WAS A
RESIDENT OF HOUMA, LA.

ON FEB 22, ALABAMA STATE POLICE (ALSP) OFFICERS STOPPED A 1998
VOLVO TRACTOR PULLING A 1996 GREAT DANE TRAILER, BOTH WITH
ALABAMA (AL) PLATES, FOR A ROUTINE INSPECTION, EB ON I-10, EN
ROUTE TO ASHFORD, AL, FROM EL PASO, TX. OFFICERS SEIZED 105
KGS OF MARIJUANA COMMINGLED WITH SUBWAY INC. SANDWICH BOXES. THE
DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF DOTHAN, AL, AND THE PASSENGER WAS A RESIDENT
OF WESTVILLE AND BONIFAY, FL. DOT INFORMATION ON THE TRUCKING
COMPANY SHOWS 272 TRACTORS, 699 TRAILERS, AND 306
DRIVERS, AND THE COMPANY IS BASED IN ASHFORD. THIS STOP WAS A RESULT
OF PREVIOUS INFORMATION. THE ORGANIZATION DELIVERS LOADS FROM EL
PASO TO SOUTHERN AL. THREE LOADS WERE RECENTLY SENT FROM MCALLEN,
TX, TO AL.

ON FEB 24, INS/BP AGENTS IN LAREDO, TX, STOPPED A 1988 INTERNATIONAL PULLING A 1986 FRUEHAUF TRAILER BOTH WITH TX PLATES, NB ON I-35, EN ROUTE TO TN FROM SAN ANTONIO, TX. THE TRACTOR WAS REGISTERED IN DEL RIO, TX. THE TRAILER WAS REGISTERED TO THE SAME OWNER, BUT WITH A SAN ANTONIO ADDRESS. A TOTAL OF 267 KGS OF MARIJUANA WAS CONCEALED IN TWO FREEZERS THAT WERE STACKED ON WOODEN CRATES. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF SAN ANTONIO.

ON FEB 24, MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (MODOT) INSPECTORS STOPPED A 1994 PETERBILT TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES AT A WEIGH STATION, NB ON I-55, EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, AND SEIZED 227 KGS OF MARIJUANA IN THE SLEEPER. THIS WAS THE FIFTH TIRE CONCEALMENT INCIDENT SINCE SEPTEMBER (SEP) 1998 WITH EL PASO, TX, AND CIUDAD JUAREZ, MX, INDICATORS. THE TRACTOR WAS TOWING AN EMPTY TRAILER. SOME OF THE PACKAGES WERE TUBULAR IN FORM WITH BLACK TIRE DUST MARKINGS INDICATING TIRE CONCEALMENT. SINCE SEP 1998, ALL TIRE SEIZURES HAD MEXICAN DRIVERS FROM CIUDAD JUAREZ, MX. K-9 UNITS ALERTED TO ONLY FOUR OF THE SEIZURES. EXCEPT FOR THIS SEIZURE, MOST OF THE TRUCKS WERE PRE-1989 MODELS. DOT INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY SHOWED AN EL PASO, TX, ADDRESS WITH NO TRACTORS, TRAILERS, OR DRIVERS LISTED TO THE COMPANY.

ON FEB 25, USCS INSPECTORS, AT THE EL PASO, TX, POE SEARCHED A 1985 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR WITH CHIHUAHUA, MX, PLATES, AND FOUND 352 KGS OF MARIJUANA WITHIN 8 REAR TIRES OF THE TRACTOR. SPRAY FOAM WAS USED TO SECURE THE MARIJUANA BUNDLES AND TO DEFEAT THE "BUSTER" DENSITY DETECTOR. A HAMMER, A STETHOSCOPE, AND A K-9 VERIFIED THE CONCEALMENT. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF CIUDAD JUAREZ, MX, AND THE TRUCK IS FROM FORNTIRIZA, MX.

ON FEB 25, TXDPS OFFICERS STOPPED A 1989 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES FOR A LANE VIOLATION, EB ON I-10, AND SEIZED 62 KGS OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED IN A FABRICATED TRAILER COMPARTMENT ABOVE THE KINGPIN AT THE FIFTH-WHEEL AREA. THE OWNER/DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF LA GRULLA, TX. LA GRULLA IS A HIGH-INTENSITY VIOLATOR AREA LOCATED BY THE RIO GRANDE RIVER NEAR MCALLEN, TX. THERE IS A HIGH PROBABILITY THAT THIS WAS A RIO GRANDE VALLEY-HOUSTON SHUTTLE TRUCK AND WAS EN ROUTE TO A SECONDARY STORAGE AREA IN HOUSTON, TX. A K-9 ALERTED TO THE LOAD.

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ON FEB 26, GEORGIA STATE POLICE (GASP) OFFICERS STOPPED A 1998 PETERBILT TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES PULLING A 1991 REEFER WITH ME PLATES FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION, EB ON I-85, EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GA, FROM NORLEN, TX. OFFICERS SEIZED 80 KGS OF COCAINE CONCEALED IN THE FOLLOWING PLACES:

- 16 KGS IN A NATURAL CAVITY IN THE WALL OF THE SLEEPER.
- 32 KGS IN THE LEFT SIDE AIR BREATHER UNIT.
- 1 KGS IN THE RIGHT SIDE AIR BREATHER UNIT.
- 1 KG IN THE STACK VENT OF ONE OF THE BREATHERS.

A COVER LOAD OF PRODUCE WAS USED, BUT NO CONTRABAND WAS FOUND IN THE TRAILER. THE OFFICERS HAD RECENTLY ATTENDED A DRUG INTERDICTION ASSISTANT PROGRAM (DIAP) TRAINING SCHOOL AND DECIDED TO STOP THE TRUCK AND LOOK AT THE BREATHER UNITS:

ON FEB 27, ARKANSAS STATE POLICE (ARSP) OFFICERS STOPPED A 1998 PETERBILT TRACTOR PULLING A TRAILER (NFI) BOTH WITH TX PLATES, EB ON I-40, EN ROUTE TO PA FROM LOS ANGELES, CA. OFFICERS SEIZED 46 KGS OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED IN A DUFFEL BAG IN THE SLEEPER. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF EL PASO, TX. THE OWNER OF THE TRACTOR IS A RESIDENT OF EL PASO AND THE OWNER OF THE TRAILER IS BASED IN FABENS, TX. A MALE CO-DRIVER HAD AN ADDRESS IN COLUMBUS, NH, WITH A PREVIOUS DRIVER'S LICENSE IN NORWALK, CA. [REDACTED]

TREND ALERTS: [REDACTED]

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- 9/21/98 73 KGS MARIJUANA, 4 INSIDE TRACTOR TIRES, 40 LBS. PER TIRE, 1984 INTL/BOBTAIL (JUAREZ), IN ARKANSAS (AR).
- 12/30/98 291 KGS MARIJUANA, 16 TIRES, 40 LBS. PER TIRE, 1989 INTL./FLATBED (JUAREZ PLATE), IN COLORADO (CO).
- 1/20/99 304 KGS MARIJUANA, 16 TIRES, 42 LBS./TIRE, 1985 PETERBILT (JUAREZ PLATE), BY USCS AT EL PASO POE.
- 2/20/99 149 KGS MARIJUANA, 8 INSIDE TRAILER TIRES, 41 LBS./TIRE, 1988 INTL. (JUAREZ PLATES), BY USCS AT EL PASO POE, IN HALF-MOON METAL CONTAINERS.
- 2/24/99 224 KGS MARIJUANA, TUBULAR SHAPED BRICKS WITH TIRE DUST, 1994 PETERBILT (EL PASO PLATE), IN MO.
- 2/25/99 352 KGS MARIJUANA, 8 REAR TRACTOR TIRES. 97 LBS./TIRE, 1985 FREIGHTLINER (JUAREZ PLATE) BY USCS AT EL PASO POE.

INTELLIGENCE:

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ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ARE WELCOMED, AND SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO [REDACTED] CHIEF, EPIC RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, [REDACTED] OR I/A [REDACTED] EPIC/DIAP, RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, AT [REDACTED]

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 9/14/99

****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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SEIZURES ARE INCLUDED IF THEY MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE; ONE HUNDRED (100) GRS OF MARIJUANA; TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN; FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK; ONE (1) KILOGRAM (KG) OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH); AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC AND SATISFYING THE ABOVE CRITERIA SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

ON AUGUST 21 AT 0755 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA (OK) HIGHWAY PATROL (HP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 133 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN BECKHAM COUNTY. THE TWO TUCSON, ARIZONA (AZ), RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW JERSEY (NJ), FROM TUCSON, IN THE DRIVER'S 1995 FORD, BEARING AZ PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON AUGUST 30 AT 1016 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA (CA) HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 2 KGS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH), 559 GRAMS (GMS) OF COCAINE, AND \$678 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15, IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF GARDEN CITY, KANSAS (KS), AND FEMALE MEXICAN NATIONAL PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF SANTA ANA, CA, WERE EN ROUTE TO GARDEN CITY, FROM SANTA ANA, IN THE DRIVER'S 1994 PONTIAC, BEARING CA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE NARCOTICS, WHICH WERE FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED BEHIND THE PASSENGER-SIDE AIR BAG.

ON SEPTEMBER 1 AT 2045 HOURS, THE TEXAS (TX) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 202 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON F.M. 2920, IN WALLER COUNTY. THE CYPRESS, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO TOMBALL, TX, FROM ROMA, TX, IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1989 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR, TOWING A 1939 LUFKIN FLATBED TRAILER. BOTH THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER BORE TX PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A 12 INCH DEEP FALSE WALL COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN THE SLEEPER.

ON SEPTEMBER 2 AT 1115 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 135 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN NATIONAL MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 83, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE SAN JUAN, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MCALLEN, TX, FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1985 PONTIAC 6000, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON SEPTEMBER 2 AT 1135 HOURS, THE LOUNDES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO), GEORGIA (GA), SEIZED \$217,829 USC FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-75. THE MALE BAHAMIAN DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF Bimini, BAHAMAS, AND MALE U.S. CITIZEN PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF MIAMI, FLORIDA (FL), WERE EN ROUTE

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TO MIAMI, FROM ATLANTA, GA, IN A RENTED 1999 DODGE INTREPID, BEARING FL PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 45 BUNDLES OF USC, WHICH WERE FOUND IN A PIECE OF LUGGAGE, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON SEPTEMBER 3 AT 1615 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED 864,000 DOSAGE UNITS (DU) OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE (PSE) FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-15, IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (NV), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION, FROM LAS VEGAS, IN HIS 1999 FORD PICKUP TRUCK, TOWING A 1999 HOMEMADE TRAILER. BOTH THE PICKUP TRUCK AND THE HOMEMADE TRAILER BORE TX PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE PSE, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE 100 BOXES, LOCATED ON THE TRAILER.

ON SEPTEMBER 3 AT 1025 HOURS, THE INGLEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD), CA, SEIZED 840 GMS OF COLOMBIAN WHITE HEROIN (HCO) FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE MALE COLOMBIAN NATIONAL DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF BRENTWOOD, NEW YORK (NY), AND FEMALE NICARAGUAN NATIONAL PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES, CA, WERE EN ROUTE TO NY, FROM INGLEWOOD, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 ISUZU RODEO, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE HCO LOCATED ON THE FLOORBOARD, BEHIND THE DRIVER'S SEAT.

ON SEPTEMBER 8 AT 1815 HOURS, THE RIVERSIDE COUNTY SO, CA, SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1 KILOGRAM (KG) OF METH FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET. THE TWO PARIS, CA, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1998 FORD, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, LOCATED IN THE VEHICLE'S AIR CLEANER. A .22 CALIBER HANDGUN AND A .38 CALIBER HANDGUN WERE ALSO FOUND IN THE VEHICLE.

ON SEPTEMBER 9 AT 0004 HOURS, THE LYON COUNTY SO, KANSAS (KS), SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 9 KGS OF METH FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING ON I-35. THE MALE U.S. CITIZEN DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF COACHELLA, CA, AND MEXICAN NATIONAL FEMALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF INDIAN, CA, WERE IN ROUTE TO INDIAN, FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (IL), IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1999 CADILLAC DEVILLE, BEARING MINNESOTA (MN) PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN THE GAS TANK. THE METH PACKAGES WERE COVERED WITH AXLE GREASE AND COFFEE GRINDS IN ORDER TO MASK THE ODOR. THE GAS TANK COMPARTMENT HAD A TRAP DOOR BUILT ON TOP OF THE GAS TANK, AND WAS ACCESSIBLE FROM BEHIND THE BACK SEAT.

ON SEPTEMBER 9 AT 1410 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 213 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 281, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE EDINBURG, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION, FROM EDINBURG, IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1991 PETERBILT TRACTOR, TOWING A 1989 UTILITY TRAILER. THE TRACTOR BORE TX PLATES, AND THE TRAILER BORE MAINE (ME) PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND UNDER A LOAD OF MANGOLS, LINES, AND CARROTS.

ON SEPTEMBER 10 AT 0902 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA (LA) STATE POLICE (SP) SEIZED 8 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO FEMALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10, IN JEFF DAVIS PARISH. THE TWO DOUGLAS, GA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LITTON, GA, FROM HOUSTON, TX, IN A 1994 MERCURY, BEARING GA PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN THE REAR BUMPER.

ON SEPTEMBER 11, THE SOUTH CAROLINA (SC) HP SEIZED 530 GMS OF CRACK COCAINE AND \$10,950 USC ON A SURFACE STREET IN

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GREENVILLE, GREENVILLE COUNTY, AT 1630 HOURS. A MALE WAS DRIVING A LEASED 1999 MERCEDES BENZ FROM ONE LOCATION TO ANOTHER WITHIN THE GREENVILLE, SC, AREA. THE SUBJECT WAS A RESIDENT OF GREENVILLE. THE VEHICLE HAD SC PLATES. THE LESSEE OF THE VEHICLE WAS A RESIDENT OF GREENVILLE, BUT WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE STOP. THE VEHICLE WAS INITIALLY STOPPED FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION ON I-85, BUT FLED OFF THE INTERSTATE ONTO U.S. 274, THEN TO DUVAL STREET. THE VEHICLE THEN SLID DOWN AN EMBANKMENT AND WRECKED. THE DRIVER ATTEMPTED TO FLEE WITH THE CRACK COCAINE IN HAND, BUT WAS APPREHENDED. THE CRACK COCAINE WAS IN THE FORM OF COOKIES WRAPPED IN PLASTIC BAGGIES, PLACED WITHIN A PLASTIC SHOPPING BAG. THE USC WAS FOUND IN THE REAR SLAT ARMREST.

ON SEPTEMBER 12 AT 0415 HOURS, THE IL SP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 6 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO U.S. CITIZEN FEMALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-55, IN MADISON COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF PALM SPRINGS, CA, AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF DESERT HOT SPRINGS, CA, WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM PALM SPRINGS, IN A RENTED 1999 MERCURY MYSTIQUE, BEARING VIRGINIA (VA) PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN BOXES, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK. THE COCAINE PACKAGES WERE MARKED WITH A PICTURE OF A TROJAN HORSE.

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), 1 GRAM 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 SEIZURE REPORTS RECEIVED AT EPIC.

IF EPIC CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, AT [REDACTED] OR VIA TELETYPE. POC IS [REDACTED] UNIT CHIEF.

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SUBJECT: EPIC WEEKLY NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE REPORT, FOR THE 1ST WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1999.

1. THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS FOR OFFICIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT USE ONLY AND SHOULD BE HANDLED AND PROTECTED ACCORDINGLY.

2. THIS REPORT PROVIDES GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT RECENT METHAMPHETAMINE AND AMPHETAMINE CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, AS REPORTED TO EPIC. SEIZURES ARE CREDITED FOR THE PARTICULAR STATE WHERE SEIZURES OCCURRED. THIS GENERAL INFORMATION MAY BE USEFUL TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH AN INTEREST IN TRACKING TRAFFICKING TRENDS.

3. TOTAL CY99 STATISTICS, INCLUDING ALL REPORTING TO EPIC, AS OF SEPTEMBER 3, 1999, ARE SET FORTH BELOW. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT DISCREPANCIES MAY EXIST BETWEEN THE NUMBERS COMPILED/REPORTED BY EPIC AND THE NUMBERS MAINTAINED BY REPORTING OFFICES; SUCH DISCREPANCIES MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO LATE REPORTING TO EPIC OR FAILURE TO REPORT AT ALL. CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE INFORMATION REPORTED TO THE WESTERN STATES INFORMATION NETWORK (WSIN) IS NOT INCLUDED IN THESE STATISTICS. PLEASE CONTACT EPIC TO RESOLVE ANY DISCREPANCIES THAT ARE NOTED.

4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DATA:

- A. OF THE 2,055 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 837 RESULTED IN ACTUAL SEIZURES OF FINISHED PRODUCT.
- B. OF THE 2,055 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 190 INDICATED THAT CHILDREN WERE PRESENT.
- C. OF THE 2,055 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 1,144 WERE CONDUCTED/ASSISTED BY DEA, 910 WERE STATE/LOCAL SEIZURES, AND 1 WAS FBI.
- D. OF THE 2,055 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 1,803 DIFFERENT PRECURSORS WERE SEIZED.
- E. THE LOCATIONS OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 186 COMMERCIAL, 30 INDUSTRIAL, 801 RURAL, 543 SUBURBAN, 474 URBAN, AND 21 WITH NO REPORTED LOCATION.
- F. SYNTHESIS ROUTES OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 312 EPHEDRINE, 466 EPHEDRINE/PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 513 LITHIUM, 687 PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 13 P2P, AND 64 WITH NO REPORTED SYNTHESIS ROUTE.
6. CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN BE REPORTED TO THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER (EPIC) USING THE NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE REPORT (EPIC FORM 143), WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR LOCAL DEA OFFICE OR BY CALLING THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM.
7. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES, PLEASE CALL THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM TEAM AT [REDACTED]. IF EPIC CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM. THE POINTS OF CONTACT ARE [REDACTED].

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THE INFORMATION IN THIS TELETYPE IS DERIVED FROM MULTISOURCE/
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 DEA SENSITIVE AND SHOULD BE HANDLED ACCORDINGLY. THIS
 UNSOLICITED TELETYPE CONCERNS THE SEIZURE OF DRUGS AND RELATED
 PROCEEDS FROM COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES (CMV) ON HIGHWAYS WITHIN
 THE CONTINENTAL U.S. (U.S.) BY FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAW
 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. THE SEIZURES OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF
 TRAFFIC STOPS OR LICENSE AND WEIGHT INSPECTIONS. U.S.
 IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE AND BORDER PATROL
 (INS/(BP) CHECKPOINT AND SOME U.S. PORT-OF-ENTRY (POE) SEIZURES
 ARE INCLUDED TO PROVIDE ADDED INTELLIGENCE.
 THIS IS THE FIRST IN A SERIES OF MONTHLY INTELLIGENCE MESSAGES
 COVERING SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL SEIZURES MEETING OR EXCEEDING
 THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: 45.5 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE OR
 MARIJUANA; 28 GRAMS OF HEROIN; 1 KILOGRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE
 (METH); 100,000 U.S. CURRENCY (USC). LATE SEIZURES WILL BE
 REPORTED IN THE SUCCEEDING MONTH. THIS DATA IS SELECTED TO
 SUPPORT INTERDICTION AND FACILITATE THE ANALYSIS OF DRUG
 TRAFFICKING TRENDS/PATTERNS INVOLVING CMV UTILITZATION IN THE
 MOVEMENT OF CONTRABAND.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS
 CMV SEIZURE SUMMARY (OP. CONVOY)

YEAR:	INCIDENTS	CURRENCY MILLION\$	MARIJUANA KGS	COCAINE KGS	METH KGS	HEROIN KGS
1988	46	0.418	2,636	998	45.400	0
1989	43	4.906	7,885	2,898	TRACE	0
1990	33	1.137	4,261	1,975	1.00	.001
1991	68	0.753	6,719	3,049	2.50	.340
1992	91	1.285	16,100	4,028	1.90	.001
1993	111	1.217	15,407	3,821	0.46	0
1994	145	5.094	31,209	10,820	7.00	.550
1995	169	2.265	29,609	2,312	5.70	.217
1996	181	3.870	27,553	3,612	0.41	.373
1997	189	6.881	39,947	1,007	34.10	.001
1998	183	18.001	35,313	5,930	2.60	2.91
TOTAL:	1,258	45.848	216,639	41,348	101.00	4.373

PRIVATE VEHICLE SEIZURES CY98
 3,672 68,175 87,131 9,647 977.00

PERCENTAGE OF COMMERCIAL TO PRIVATE SEIZURES CY98
 INCIDENTS USC MARIJUANA COCAINE METH
 5% 27% 40.5% 61.4% 0.2%

THE FOLLOWING 1998 CALENDAR YEAR (CY98) INFORMATION WILL BE USED AS A BASIS OF COMPARISON WITH FUTURE MONTHLY SEIZURE MESSAGES.

DURING CY98, SEIZURE INCIDENTS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS FROM CMV AVERAGED APPROXIMATELY 15 PER MONTH WITH 2 DURING AUGUST AND A HIGH OF 23 DURING NOVEMBER. A TOTAL OF 183 TRAFFIC STOPS NETTED 35,313 KGS OF MARIJUANA, 5,930 KGS OF COCAINE, 2.6 KGS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, 3 KGS OF HEROIN, AND \$18 MILLION IN USC. A TOTAL OF 170 CHECKPOINT SEIZURES NETTED 60,222 KGS OF MARIJUANA AND 5,462 KGS OF COCAINE. IN ALL THERE WERE 353 COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE (CMV) STOPS, OR AN AVERAGE OF JUST OVER 29 PER MONTH, REPORTED TO THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER (EPIC).

A MAJORITY OF THE TRUCKS FROM WHICH SEIZURES WERE MADE WERE BUILT BETWEEN 1989 AND 1996, WITH 1995 MODELS MAKING UP 16 PERCENT. TRACTOR-TRAILER RIGS WERE USED 75 PERCENT OF THE TIME. TRAFFIC STOPS WERE A RESULT OF PUBLIC SAFETY VIOLATIONS OR ROUTINE INSPECTION. SUBSEQUENT RESEARCH REVEALED THAT IN 95 PERCENT OF THE SEIZURES, NO PRIOR INTELLIGENCE HAD BEEN AVAILABLE. THE EL PASO, TX, SHERIFF'S OFFICE REPORTS THAT SOME EL PASO CMV ARE TRAVELING EMPTY TO MIDLAND, TX, WHERE THEY ARE LOADED WITH LEGITIMATE CARGO AND NARCOTICS FROM SOUTH TEXAS. THIS TACTIC AVOIDS CHECKPOINTS DISCOVERY.

MARIJUANA - TRENDS (CY98)

THE AVERAGE TRAFFIC STOP SEIZURE OF MARIJUANA FROM A CMV WAS 256 KGS AND 2,943 KGS PER MONTH FOR 138 INCIDENTS. THIS WAS A DECREASE IN LOAD SIZE FROM 1997 TOTALS WHEN SEIZURES AVERAGED 3,329 KGS PER MONTH AND 292 KGS PER SEIZURE FOR 136 INCIDENTS. DURING CY98, MARIJUANA TOTALS RANGED FROM 233 KGS IN AUGUST 1998 TO 6,876 KGS IN DECEMBER, WHICH CORRESPONDS TO THE HARVEST CYCLE BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER. A MAJORITY OF THE MARIJUANA LOADS THAT WERE SEIZED ORIGINATED IN TX FOLLOWED BY CALIFORNIA (CA) AND ARIZONA (AZ). ILLINOIS, NY AND FLORIDA (FL) WERE THE MAJOR CONSUMER AREAS. GEORGIA (GA) WAS A MAJOR DESTINATION STATE WITH 5,330 KGS SEIZED EN ROUTE TO THE ATLANTA AREA. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF MOST OF THIS MARIJUANA WAS TO BE CONSUMED IN GA OR WAS EN ROUTE TO NY, FL, OR SURROUNDING STATES. ADDITIONALLY, A TOTAL OF 1,313 KGS OF COCAINE (8 INCIDENTS) AND \$539,506 IN USC (14 INCIDENTS) WAS FOUND WITH SEIZED MARIJUANA LOADS. STATE AGENCIES SEIZED 69 PERCENT OF THE MARIJUANA (24,330 KGS) AND SHERIFF'S OFFICES 25 PERCENT (8,658 KGS). CHECKPOINT MARIJUANA SEIZURES AVERAGED 396 KGS PER INCIDENT AND 5,029 KGS IN 13 SEIZURES PER MONTH. THE MONTHLY HIGH OF 8,508 KGS WAS SEIZED IN FEBRUARY AND THE LOW OF 72 KGS IN OCTOBER. A TOTAL OF 36,504 KGS WAS SEIZED IN THE FIRST HALF OF THE YEAR AND 23,718 KGS IN THE LAST. THERE WERE 3 CHECKPOINT INCIDENTS WHERE MARIJUANA AND COCAINE WERE FOUND TOGETHER.

DESTINATION - ORIGIN - HIGHWAYS

TRADITIONAL PIPELINE/CONVOY STOPS SHOW 22 PERCENT OF THE MARIJUANA SEIZED NATIONWIDE WAS EN ROUTE TO IL, 15 PERCENT TO GA, 8 PERCENT TO TX, 9 PERCENT TO FL, AND 10 PERCENT TO THE NEW YORK-NEW JERSEY-PENNSYLVANIA AREA. COMBINED DATA FOR CHECKPOINT SEIZURES AND STATE TRAFFIC STOPS SHOW THAT POSSIBLY AS MANY AS 50 PERCENT OF THE MARIJUANA LOADS MAYBE DESTINED FOR IL. ABOUT 16 PERCENT OF THE MARIJUANA SEIZED NATIONWIDE LEFT THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY OF TEXAS FOR THE HOUSTON-DALLAS, TX, AREA. OVERALL, 43 PERCENT OF THE PIPELINE/CONVOY SEIZURES OCCURRED IN TX. MARIJUANA LOADS THAT WERE SEIZED NATIONWIDE ORIGINATED 58 PERCENT OF THE TIME FROM TX, 11 PERCENT FROM AZ, AND 9 PERCENT FROM CA. THESE FIGURES ARE ESTIMATES SINCE 17 PERCENT OF ORIGIN AND 28 PERCENT OF DESTINATION DATA WAS NOT REPORTED TO EPIC. BASED ON SEIZURE DATA, THE MAJOR HIGHWAYS USED BY MARIJUANA TRAFFICKERS WERE I-40, I-20, I-10, U.S. 77 AND I-44.

DRIVERS - COMPARTMENTS - MIXED SEIZURES

MOST COMMERCIAL DRIVERS ARRESTED WITH MARIJUANA WERE FROM TX (38 PERCENT), CA (12 PERCENT), CA (10 PERCENT), FL (9 PERCENT) OR NY (6 PERCENT). TRACTOR-TRAILER RIGS WERE USED 82 PERCENT OF THE TIME FOR MARIJUANA LOADS (30,783 KGS), AND THE REMAINING 18 PERCENT USED BOX TRUCKS. IN TRADITIONAL STATE STOPS, MARIJUANA WAS FOUND 48 PERCENT OF THE TIME IN THE CAB AND 35 PERCENT IN THE TRAILER. THERE WAS 1 ROOF CONCEALMENT. FALSE COMPARTMENTS WERE USED TO CONCEAL THE MARIJUANA ABOUT 7 PERCENT OF THE TIME. IN ONE INSTANCE, A NOSE COMPARTMENT WAS CONSTRUCTED JUST ABOVE THE TRAILER FLOOR TO DEFEAT A LASER DISTANCE FINDER DETECTOR. THERE WERE 9 MARIJUANA SEIZURES OVER 1,000 KGS. THE LARGEST CMV SEIZURE WAS 2,175 KGS OF MARIJUANA WITH 60 KGS OF COCAINE IN LOUISIANA (LA) IN DECEMBER 1998 EN ROUTE TO GA FROM TX. ONLY 8 MARIJUANA STOPS HAD COCAINE CONCEALED WITH THE MARIJUANA, AND THESE RANGED FROM 54 KGS TO 667 KGS OF COCAINE. THE LARGEST COMBINED MARIJUANA (862 KGS) AND COCAINE (667 KGS) LOAD WAS SEIZED IN MISSOURI (MO) ON 4/27/98. THERE WAS ONLY ONE MAJOR COMBINED MARIJUANA (889 KGS) AND CURRENCY SEIZURE (\$139,960). THE LARGEST CHECKPOINT SEIZURE WAS 3,501 KGS OF MARIJUANA ON 2/15/98. OVERALL THERE WERE 18 CHECKPOINT SEIZURES OVER 1,000 KGS. MARIJUANA WAS CONCEALED 57 PERCENT OF THE TIME IN THE TRAILER, 23 PERCENT IN THE CAB/SLEEPER AREA, AND FALSE COMPARTMENTS WERE USED 9 PERCENT OF THE TIME. THERE WERE 3 ROOF CONCEALMENTS. 8.7 PERCENT OF THE SEIZURES INCLUDED IN CHECKPOINT STATISTICS WERE ACTUALLY MADE IN TRACTOR-TRAILER RIGS AT RESIDENCES NEAR CHECKPOINTS. THERE WERE 2 CHECKPOINT SEIZURES OF MARIJUANA AND COCAINE COMBINED.

COCAINE - TRENDS (CY98)

THERE WERE 5,930 KGS OF COCAINE SEIZED IN 25 TRAFFIC STOPS DURING CY98. THIS WAS A DRAMATIC INCREASE OVER THE 1,807 KGS SEIZED IN CY97. THE PEAK YEAR WAS 1994, WHEN 16,820 KGS WERE SEIZED. THE AVERAGE SEIZURE FOR CY98 WAS 237 KGS, AND THERE WAS AN AVERAGE OF 2 STOPS PER MONTH FOR 494 KGS. THE LARGEST SEIZURES, MORE THAN 1,200 KGS, WERE MADE IN AZ, MO AND NEW JERSEY (NJ). MOST OF THE COCAINE WAS SEIZED IN AZ (2,089 KGS); TX HAD THE MOST INCIDENTS WITH 5 (730 KGS). STATE AGENCIES SEIZED 61 PERCENT OF THE COCAINE AND SHERIFF'S OFFICES SEIZED 30 PERCENT.

THERE WERE 18 CHECKPOINT COCAINE SEIZURES WITH AN AVERAGE OF 303 KGS PER INCIDENT. MOST OF THE COCAINE WAS SEIZED APRIL (2,341 KGS) AND DECEMBER (1,152 KGS). NO COCAINE WAS SEIZED IN JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH, JUNE OR NOVEMBER. WHEN COMPARING COCAINE SEIZURES OVER 100 POUNDS (CONSIDERED TO BE MAJOR SEIZURES) FOR CY97 AND CY98, THERE WAS A DRAMATIC INCREASE TO 390 KGS PER INCIDENT AND 488 KGS PER MONTH IN CY98 COMPARED TO CY97 AVERAGES OF 195 KGS PER TRAFFIC STOP INCIDENT AND 146 KGS PER MONTH.

DESTINATION-ORIGIN-HIGHWAYS
OVER 28 PERCENT (1,672 KGS) OF THE COCAINE WAS DESTINED FOR NY AND 25 PERCENT (1,465 KGS) FOR IL. OVER 97 PERCENT OF THE MONEY FOUND WITH COCAINE SHIPMENTS WAS DESTINED FOR NY (\$274,714). TWO KGS OF HEROIN WERE FOUND IN A COCAINE SHIPMENT. MORE THAN 62 PERCENT (3,673 KGS) OF THE COCAINE SEIZED ORIGINATED FROM TX. MAJOR HIGHWAYS FOR COCAINE SEIZURES WERE I-10, I-44, I-95, I-19, U.S. 281 AND I-40. THERE WAS NO DATA ON CHECKPOINT ORIGIN AND DESTINATION FOR COCAINE. IN CY97, TOTALS FOR MAJOR COCAINE SEIZURES SHOW 13 PERCENT EACH GOING TO FL AND NJ, AND 18 PERCENT EACH TO CENTRAL TX AND IL. OVER 48 PERCENT CAME FROM TX, 19 PERCENT FROM NEW MEXICO (NM), AND 13 PERCENT FROM CA.

DRIVERS-CONCEALMENT
MOST OF THE COCAINE DRIVERS WERE FROM TX (37 PERCENT) OR AZ (32 PERCENT). FLORIDA AND NJ DRIVERS WERE 9 PERCENT OF THE CMV FROM WHICH SEIZURES WERE MADE. TRACTOR-TRAILER RIGS WERE CARRYING 77 PERCENT OF THE SEIZED COCAINE LOADS (4,564 KGS). COCAINE WAS FOUND 52 PERCENT OF THE TIME IN THE TRAILER AND 32 PERCENT OF THE TIME IN THE CAB/SLEEPER AREA. CONCEALMENT BY FALSE COMPARTMENT HAS BEEN USED TO CARRY 20 PERCENT OF THE LOADS SEIZED IN TRADITIONAL PIPELINE/CONVOY COMMERCIAL SEIZURES, BUT 25 PERCENT WHEN ALSO CONSIDERING CHECKPOINT DATA. ONLY 1 MAJOR SEIZURE OF CURRENCY (\$274,714) OCCURRED WITH A MAJOR COCAINE SEIZURE, AND IT WAS HIDDEN IN A FALSE WALL. OVER ALL, THERE WERE 5 CURRENCY SEIZURES WITH AN AVERAGE OF \$46,786 IN CONJUNCTION WITH COCAINE SEIZURES.

COCAINE FROM COLOMBIA HAS BEEN SHIPPED AS "MARIJUANA"
DURING THE LAST YEAR, THE POSITION,
RIGS WERE SEIZED
ULTIMATE DESTINATION OF SEIZED

COCAINE LOADS SEIZED AT CHECKPOINTS WERE CONCEALED IN THE CAB/SLEEPER COMPARTMENT 17 PERCENT OF THE TIME AND 55 PERCENT IN THE TRAILER. ONLY 2 SEIZURES WERE MADE FROM FALSE COMPARTMENTS AT CHECKPOINTS.

CURRENCY - TRENDS (CY98)
CURRENCY SEIZURES DRAMATICALLY INCREASED FROM 6.9 MILLION IN CY97 TO 18 MILLION IN CY98. APPROXIMATELY 27 PERCENT OF THE CURRENCY SEIZED DURING PRIVATE AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLE STOPS WAS FOUND IN TRACTOR-TRAILER RIGS AND LARGE TRUCKS. MOST CMV SEIZURES WERE FROM VEHICLES EN ROUTE TO TX (65 PERCENT), AZ OR FL. STATE AGENCIES SEIZED 76 PERCENT (\$13,170,970) OF THE CURRENCY AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS 22 PERCENT (\$4,066,611). FALSE COMPARTMENTS WERE THE PREDOMINATE CONCEALMENT METHOD.

THE AVERAGE SEIZURE FOR 46 TOTAL INCIDENTS WAS \$391,333 WITH APPROXIMATELY 4 PER MONTH. OVER 45 PERCENT (\$8,138,788) OF THE CURRENCY WAS SEIZED IN TX IN 17 STOPS. THERE WERE 16 SEIZURES OF OVER \$100,000 IN CY98 COMPARED TO ONLY 7 IN CY97. TRACTOR-TRAILER RIGS HAD BEEN USED TO CARRY 78 PERCENT OF THE TIME FOR CURRENCY LOADS (\$14,052,701). A TOTAL OF 10 SEIZURES WERE FROM SHIPMENTS EN ROUTE TO TX FROM THE NJ-NY AREA (4), IL (4), GA (1) AND MO (1), AND 1 SHIPMENT WAS SEIZED EN ROUTE TO CA FROM MARYLAND (MD). IN JANUARY 1998, LARGE CURRENCY SHIPMENTS WERE INTERCEPTED EN ROUTE TO NORTH CAROLINA (NC) FROM WASHINGTON (WA), TO FL FROM KENTUCKY (KY), AND TO AZ FROM PENNSYLVANIA (PA). THE LARGEST LOAD WAS EN ROUTE FROM NEW YORK CITY, NY, TO THE TX/MEXICO BORDER AND WAS SEIZED IN AUGUST, WHEN \$3,999,258 WAS DISCOVERED IN THE ROOF OF AN OTHERWISE EMPTY TRAILER. THE DRIVER HAD DELIVERED A LOAD OF APPLIANCES TO NY FROM LAREDO, TX.

MAJOR SHIPMENTS OF CURRENCY (GREATER THAN \$100,000) SEIZED DURING CY97 WERE PREDOMINATELY EN ROUTE TO TX (63 PERCENT OR \$3,784,895). MORE THAN 60 PERCENT ORIGINATED FROM NY, 27 PERCENT FROM TX, AND OVER 10 PERCENT FROM NJ. IN CY98, 66 PERCENT WERE DESTINED FOR TX. A TOTAL OF 29 PERCENT CAME FROM IL, 23 PERCENT FROM NY, 14 PERCENT FROM TX AND 30 PERCENT FROM THE NORTHEAST AREA. THE ABOVE TREND REPRESENTS A MAJOR DECREASE IN PROCEEDS FROM NY AND AN INCREASE FROM IL. INCREASED MARIJUANA TO IL COULD ACCOUNT FOR THIS RISE IN CURRENCY RETURNING TO THE TX/MEXICO BORDER.

JANUARY 1999 (CY99) - TRENDS.

STATE CMV INCIDENTS FOR JANUARY 1999 (18) WERE CONSISTENT WITH JANUARY 1998 STOPS (20). THE QUANTITIES OF MARIJUANA (4,614 KGS) AND COCAINE (1,677 KGS) SEIZED INCREASED, SIGNIFICANTLY COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS JANUARY (2,338 KGS, 200 KGS). THE NUMBER OF COCAINE SEIZURES INCREASED BY 8 TIMES OVER JANUARY 1998 WITH AN AVERAGE SEIZURE OF 419 KGS. A MAJORITY OF THE COCAINE WAS DESTINED FOR NY FOR BOTH YEARS. IN JANUARY 1999, THERE WAS A LARGE COCAINE SEIZURE (446 KGS) IN RIVERSIDE, CA, EN ROUTE TO SOUTHERN CA FROM AZ. MAJOR MARIJUANA SEIZURES SINCE OCTOBER 1998 TOTALED 17,519 KGS, AVERAGING 398 KGS PER SEIZURE AND 5,840 KGS PER MONTH. CHECKPOINT SEIZURES ADDED ANOTHER 18 INCIDENTS TO JANUARY 1999 TOTALS COMPARED TO 10 IN 1998.

THREE KGS OF METH WERE SEIZED ALONG WITH 683 KGS OF MARIJUANA EN ROUTE TO MICHIGAN (MI) FROM AZ. A TOTAL OF 1,677 KGS OF COCAINE (4 INCIDENTS) WAS SEIZED, WITH AN AVERAGE OF 419 KGS PER SEIZURE COMPARED TO 1 SEIZURE OF 200 KGS IN JANUARY 1998. THESE INCREASES IN MARIJUANA AND COCAINE SEIZURE QUANTITIES SUGGESTS THAT 1999 MAY BE A RECORD YEAR.

FACTORING IN MAJOR BORDER AREA SEIZURES AWAY FROM THE POE'S, ADDS ANOTHER 7,560 KGS OF MARIJUANA GENERATED IN 10 INCIDENTS DURING THE MONTH AT AVERAGE OF 756 KGS PER SEIZURE.

THERE WERE NO COCAINE SEIZURES REPORTED AT INS/BP CHECKPOINTS IN JANUARY 1999.

DESTINATION-ORIGIN-HIGHWAYS

MOST MARIJUANA SEIZURES WERE MADE FROM LOADS EN ROUTE TO IL (32 PERCENT), MI (16 PERCENT), OR FL (10 PERCENT). MORE THAN 33 PERCENT OF ALL THE LOADS SEIZED IN TX WERE EN ROUTE TO WAREHOUSES IN CENTRAL TX. NATIONWIDE, MORE THAN 74 PERCENT OF THE MARIJUANA ORIGINATED FROM TX AND 20 PERCENT FROM AZ. MARIJUANA SEIZURES WERE RECORDED ON THE FOLLOWING HIGHWAYS: I-44 (29 PERCENT); U.S. 57 (18 PERCENT); U.S. 281 (16 PERCENT); I-40 (15 PERCENT); I-75 (10 PERCENT), AND ON I-35, I-20, I-10, I-70 (3 PERCENT EACH).

FOUR COCAINE SHIPMENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CA (446 KGS), MI (22 KGS), NY (1,200 KGS) AND TX (9 KGS). MORE THAN 72 PERCENT OF THE COCAINE CAME FROM TX AND 20 PERCENT ORIGINATED FROM AZ.

DRIVERS - TRACTOR TYPES - REGISTRATION

ABOUT 44 PERCENT OF THE DRIVERS ARRESTED WERE FROM TX COMPARED TO 20 PERCENT IN JANUARY 1998. DRIVERS FROM 12 STATES WERE STOPPED IN JANUARY 1998 COMPARED TO 8 IN JANUARY 1999. ONE CUBAN DRIVER WAS STOPPED IN JANUARY OF THIS YEAR. MORE THAN 90 PERCENT OF THE TRUCKS WITH MARIJUANA AND COCAINE HAD A MALE DRIVER, 21 TO 55 YEARS OLD, WITH 1 DRIVER AT 72 YEARS OLD. THE MEAN AGE WAS 29. WHEN CONSIDERING CMV DRUG SEIZURES OF MORE THAN 100 POUNDS SEIZED IN JANUARY 1999, 60 PERCENT OF THE MARIJUANA AND 48 PERCENT OF THE COCAINE SEIZURES ORIGINATED IN TX. MORE THAN 33 PERCENT OF THE DRIVERS DROVE FREIGHTLINER TRACTORS IN 1999. RENTAL TRUCKS WERE USED 22 PERCENT OF THE TIME IN JANUARY 1999 COMPARED TO 25 PERCENT IN JANUARY 1998. IN 1999, THE NUMBER OF PLATE REGISTRATIONS FROM DIFFERENT STATES DECREASED BY 25 PERCENT. TEXAS REGISTRATIONS REPRESENTED 33 PERCENT, FOLLOWED BY CA AND AZ IN 1999. IN 1998, TX REPRESENTED 15 PERCENT OF THE REGISTRATIONS FOLLOWED BY GA AND OK.

CONCEALMENT - CARGO

TWO LARGE MARIJUANA AND COCAINE LOADS HAD BEEN CONCEALED IN FALSE COMPARTMENTS IN 1999. CONTRABAND CONCEALED IN TRAILERS INCREASED IN JANUARY 1999 COMPARED TO JANUARY 1998. THE TREND FROM THE PREVIOUS QUARTER, 43 PERCENT IN OCTOBER, 39 PERCENT IN NOVEMBER AND 38 PERCENT IN DECEMBER, CONTINUED WITH 39 PERCENT IN JANUARY.

MOST OF THE VEHICLES WITH CONTRABAND CONCEALED IN TRAILERS IN JANUARY 1999 WERE FROM TEXAS. THE TREND FROM OCTOBER 1998 TO JANUARY 1999 WAS A TREND FROM SOUTHWEST TO SOUTHEAST.

LIST OF MAJOR CONCEALMENT METHODS: JANUARY 1999

2 VEHICLES CARRIED IN ONE TRAILER
WOODEN CRATES
2 SEPARATE PROPANE TANK SEIZURES
WALL OF THE TRAILER
16 LOADED TIRES IN USE BY THE TRUCK AND TRAILER (POE)
2 SEPARATE FUEL TANK SEIZURES
47 FALSE COMPARTMENTS IN 1 TRAILER
5 PRODUCE COVER LOADS
1 NOSE OF THE TRAILER
3 CAB/SLEEPER AREA

CURRENCY TRENDS

ONLY 1 MAJOR LOAD (\$124,210), INTERCEPTED IN KY FROM A CA RESIDENT, WAS RECOVERED IN JANUARY 1999. THE USC WAS EN ROUTE TO WICHITA FALLS, TX, FROM INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA (IN). THERE WERE 2 MAJOR SEIZURES IN JANUARY 1999; \$137,960 WAS TAKEN FROM A COLORADO (CO) RESIDENT HEADING WESTBOUND TO TX FROM GA AND \$237,100 WAS TAKEN FROM A NC RESIDENT HEADING EASTBOUND TO NC FROM WA.

IN CY98, THE AVERAGE MAJOR SEIZURE WAS \$893,371 AND THE AVERAGE MONTHLY SEIZURE TOTAL WAS \$1,488,952. MORE THAN 64 PERCENT OF THE CURRENCY (\$9.8 MILLION) WAS EN ROUTE TO TX WITH ANOTHER \$1 MILLION TO AZ AND \$684,243 TO FL. MOST OF THE CURRENCY IN JANUARY 1999 WAS SEIZED FROM TX RESIDENTS (55 PERCENT), WITH CA AT 24 PERCENT. CURRENCY QUANTITIES ARE EXPECTED BE LARGER IN CY99 CORRESPONDING TO INCREASES SINCE OCTOBER 1998.

CHECKPOINT CURRENCY SEIZURES ARE NOT TRACTED BY EPIC.

NAFTA CONSIDERATION -

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORTED ON A BORDER TRUCK INSPECTION AUDIT IN CY98, WHICH EXPRESSED CONCERNS REGARDING THE MASSIVE NUMBER OF CMV BORDER CROSSINGS. DAILY CMV TRAFFIC VARIES FROM 1,300 AT AN EL PASO, TX, POE TO 10,000 AT THE LAREDO, TX, POE. ONE INSPECTOR CAN SEARCH ABOUT 10 TO 14 TRUCKS PER DAY, LEAVING THOUSANDS OF TRUCKS UNTOUCHED. SINCE MX HAD NO VIABLE MOTOR VEHICLE INSPECTION SYSTEM TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH SAFETY AND EMISSION STANDARDS, MORE THAN 44 PERCENT OF THE MEXICAN TRUCKS INSPECTED AT U.S. POE'S DURING CY97 WERE PUT OUT OF SERVICE. DUE TO NEW MEXICAN REGULATIONS AND STANDARDS, MEXICAN TRUCKS WILL BE ABLE TO TRANSIT OVER U.S. HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORT BONDED SHIPMENTS INTERSTATE AND INTO CANADA. ARIZONA AND TX ACCOUNT FOR 77 PERCENT OF THE TRAFFIC ENTERING THE U.S. ACROSS THE SOUTHWEST BORDER.

SEIZURES WERE LINKED TO KNOWN TRAFFICKING GROUPS WERE STOPPED SEVERAL TIMES DURING CY98. FIVE SEIZURES WERE MADE FROM LARGE JAMAICAN GROUP USING RELATIVES AS DRIVERS.

SIGNIFICANT CONCEALMENT AND TREND ALERTS JANUARY 1999

PROPANE TANKS - RETIRED MEXICAN JUDICIAL POLICE ACTIVITIES ON JANUARY 7 MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL OFFICERS (MOHP) STOPPED A PICKUP TRUCK AND SEIZED 86 KGS OF MARIJUANA FOUND WITHIN A PROPANE TANK IN THE BED. THE DRIVER, A RETIRED MEXICAN FEDERAL JUDICIAL POLICEMAN (MFJP), WAS EN ROUTE TO INDIANAPOLIS, IN, FROM PRESIDIO, TX, WITH ANOTHER MFJP OFFICER DRIVING A SIMILAR TRUCK. THIS WAS REPORTEDLY THE SUSPECT'S THIRD TRIP TO INDIANAPOLIS. THE TWO SUSPECTS WOULD REPORTEDLY TRAVEL IN TWO TRUCKS FROM PRESIDIO, TX, TO ODESSA, TX. FROM ODESSA, ONE SUSPECT WOULD TRAVEL THROUGH MO, AND THE OTHER SUSPECT WOULD PROCEED THROUGH KY. THE SECOND SUSPECT WAS STOPPED ON JANUARY 10 IN KY (IDENTIFIED BELOW). THE SUSPECTS WOULD PARK AND LEAVE THE TRUCKS AT THE SAME WAREHOUSE IN INDIANAPOLIS, IN, EACH TRIP. AFTER EACH DELIVERY, THEY WOULD RETURN TO MX WITH \$1 MILLION IN THE TANKS, WHICH WERE THE PROCEEDS FROM THE SALE OF 1 TON OF MARIJUANA.

ON JANUARY 9 KENTUCKY STATE POLICE (KYSP) OFFICERS SEIZED 107 KGS OF MARIJUANA FOUND IN THE PROPANE TANK IN THE BED OF A PICK-UP TRUCK, NB ON I-65, EN ROUTE TO IN FROM EL PASO, TX. THIS SEIZURE IS RELATED TO THE MOHP STOP ON JANUARY 7 REFERENCED ABOVE. THE AIR GAUGES ON THE TANKS WERE OPERATIONAL. ACCESS TO THE TANKS WAS THROUGH A TRAP DOOR LOCATED UNDER THE DATA PLATE OF EACH TANK. A SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION LED TO THE SEIZURE OF \$25,000 AND 84 MARIJUANA PLANTS AT A RESIDENCE IN INDIANA.

TIRE CONCEALMENT-DETECTION METHODS

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THERE WERE NUMEROUS SUSPICIOUS INDICATORS ON THIS TRUCK:

1. FRESH PAINT WITH NUMEROUS OVER SPRAY AREAS AND UNEVEN APPLICATION.
2. NO DOT OR INTERSTATE COMMERCIAL CENSUS NUMBERS.
3. NO USER FEE DECAL.
4. COMPANY NAME PLATE HAD NEW RIVETS BOLTED TO BOTH TOOLBOX DOORS.
5. THE TRACTOR PLATE WAS NOT A COMMERCIAL PLATE, BUT WAS OF A SERIES USUALLY FOUND ON PICKUP TRUCKS.
6. THE TIRES WERE CLEANER THAN THE UNDERCARRIAGE OF THE TRAILER.
7. ALL THE WHEEL RIMS OF THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER HAD BEEN NEWLY PAINTED ON THE OUTSIDE AND INSIDE EXCEPT FOR THE 2 FRONT TIRES.
8. THE LIPS OF THE RIMS WERE SHINY AND IN SOME CASES, BENT.
9. LUG BOLTS ON ALL RIMS SHOWED INDICATIONS OF RECENT REMOVAL, AND ABOUT 50 PERCENT OF THE LUG BOLTS AND NUTS WERE NEW.
10. THE REEFER COULD NOT BE STARTED DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF A BATTERY.
11. THE OUTSIDE OF THE REEFER TRAILER APPEARED TO BE IN A TYPICAL STATE OF DISREPAIR, BUT THE INSIDE SHOWED NO SIGNS OF NORMAL WEAR AND TEAR AND APPEARED TO HAVE NEVER TRANSPORTED MERCHANDISE.
12. THE TRUCK HAD CROSSED THE U.S./MEXICO BORDER ONLY 4 TIMES, INCONSISTENT WITH THE NORMAL 8 DAILY SHUTTLE TRIPS TO LOCAL WAREHOUSES.
13. THE TRUCK DRIVER WAS NOT A BORDER CROSSING REGULAR. ON JANUARY 27 INS/BP AGENTS, COLUMBUS, NM, AND USCS AGENTS STOPPED A JOHN DEERE TRACTOR, WB ON NM HIGHWAY 9, AND SEIZED 278 KGS OF MARIJUANA FOUND BOLTED TO TRACTOR'S REAR WHEEL RIMS. THE TRACTOR HAD CROSSED THE U.S./MEXICO BORDER 10-MILES WEST OF THE COLUMBUS, NM, POE. THE DRIVER WAS FROM BIG SPRING, TX.

FUEL TANKS

ON JANUARY 20 INS/BP AGENTS, FALFURRIAS, TX, SEIZED 396 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A 1995 GMC TRUCK WITH TX PLATES, NB ON U.S. 281. EIGHTY-NINE BUNDLES WERE FOUND IN HIDDEN COMPARTMENTS WITHIN THE GAS TANKS. THE TRUCK, WITH A LEGITIMATE LOAD OF LIMES AND CABBAGE, WAS EN ROUTE TO DETROIT, MI, FROM MCALLEN, TX. THE TRACTOR WAS REGISTERED IN SAN JUAN, TX, AND THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF EDINBURG, TX.

ON JANUARY 21 USCS INSPECTORS AT AN EL PASO, TX, POE, SEIZED 317 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A 1988 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH MX PLATES, TOWING A FLATBED TRAILER. A TOTAL OF 638 PACKAGES WERE DISCOVERED IN THE FUEL TANKS. THE TRUCK WAS FROM CIUDAD JUAREZ, MX. NO ARRESTS WERE MADE.

ON JANUARY 29 USCS INSPECTORS AT THE SAN LUIS, AZ, POE, SEARCHED A 1989 PETERBILT TRACTOR WITH AZ PLATES AND SEIZED 170 KGS OF COCAINE. THE 150 VACUUM-SEALED PACKAGES WERE DISCOVERED IN BOTH FUEL TANKS. A K-9 UNIT DID NOT ALERT TO THE DRUGS. THE DRIVER WAS A SAN LUIS, AZ, RESIDENT.

CRATE MANUFACTURING INSIDE A MOVING TRAILER

ON JANUARY 24 MOHP OFFICERS STOPPED A 1996 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES, EB ON I-44 AND SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1,316 KGS OF MARIJUANA FOUND HIDDEN IN CRATES IN FRONT OF A LOAD OF LIMES. THE LOAD WAS EN ROUTE FROM AMARILLO, TX, TO CHICAGO, IL. THE COMPANY WAS BASED IN RIO GRANDE CITY, TX. OFFICERS DISCOVERED A THREE-FOOT DEEP FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER AND EVIDENCE THAT THE MARIJUANA WAS STORED THERE. ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE INDICATED THE CRATES WERE CONSTRUCTED IN THE TRAILER WHILE EN ROUTE. AFTER THE CRATES WERE COMPLETED, THE MARIJUANA WAS TRANSFERRED FROM THE NOSE COMPARTMENT.

ON JANUARY 19-FLORIDA HIGHWAY-PATROL (FLHP) OFFICERS STOPPED A 1986 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR WITH FL PLATES, SOUTHBOUND (SB) ON I-75, AND SEIZED 465 KGS OF MARIJUANA FOUND HIDDEN IN THE WALLS OF THE TRAILER. A SEALANT WAS USED TO HOLD THE WALL PANELS IN PLACE. THE PACKAGES WERE SMEARED WITH ROOFING TAR, AND THERE WAS NO CARGO IN THE TRAILER. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS FROM RIVERVIEW, FL, AND HER HUSBAND IS A DEA FUGITIVE WANTED FOR DISTRIBUTING 846 KGS OF MARIJUANA IN 1995. THE COMPANY, BASED IN PHARR, TX, WAS INVOLVED IN A NOVEMBER 7, 1998, SEIZURE OF 1,500 KGS OF MARIJUANA IN REFUGIO, TX. THE DRIVER WAS FROM BROWNSVILLE, TX.

ON JANUARY 20 ILLINOIS STATE POLICE (ILSP) OFFICERS STOPPED A 1996 GMC TRUCK WITH CA PLATES. THE RENTAL TRUCK WAS EB ON I-70, EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM TUCSON, AZ. THE OFFICERS SEIZED 150 KGS OF MARIJUANA FOUND HIDDEN BEHIND FURNITURE. THE TRUCK WAS TRAVELING IN TANDEM WITH A 1979 CHEVROLET VAN, WHICH WAS STOPPED AND LATER RELEASED. THE DRIVER WAS FROM LAS VEGAS, NV, AND THE PASSENGER WAS FROM MAZATLAN, SINALOA, MX.

ON JANUARY 21 TXDPS OFFICERS STOPPED A 1994 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES, WESTBOUND (WB) ON U.S. 59. AN OFFICER FOUND 47 EMPTY FALSE COMPARTMENTS THAT TESTED POSITIVELY FOR THE PRESENCE OF NARCOTICS. THE TRACTOR-TRAILER WAS NOT SEIZED. THE TWO PASSENGERS WERE FROM SOUTH GATE, CA. LANE CHECKS REVEALED THE DRIVER'S PERSONAL CAR HAD CROSSED THE BORDER TWICE AT LAREDO, TX, SINCE MAY 1998, AND ONCE AT THE EL PASO, PASO DEL NORTE BRIDGE POE, IN APRIL 1998. FURTHER CHECKS ALSO SHOWED THAT TWO OTHER TRAILERS OWNED BY THE DRIVER HAD CROSSED 14 TIMES AT THE EL PASO, YSLETA CARGO POE SINCE MARCH 1998. ADDITIONAL RESEARCH INDICATES POSSIBLE COLOMBIA CONNECTIONS TO SEVERAL CLOSED DEA CASES WITH TIES TO HOUSTON, TX, THE TEXAS RIO GRAND VALLEY, TX, AND CA.

ON JANUARY 22 COLORADO HIGHWAY PATROL (COHP) OFFICERS STOPPED A 1997 FORD U-HAUL TRUCK WITH INDIANA PLATES, EB ON COLORADO HIGHWAY 76, AND SEIZED 294 KGS OF MARIJUANA, 1/2 KG OF COCAINE, 3,500 DOSAGE UNITS (DU) OF QUAALUDES, AND \$1,350. THE TRUCK WAS FROM TUCSON, AZ, AND IT IS BELIEVED THE MARIJUANA WAS DESTINED FOR PA. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF BASALT, CO, AND THE PASSENGER WAS A RESIDENT OF HAVERTOWN, PA. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND WRAPPED IN CONTACT PAPER INSIDE 10 BOXES.

ON JANUARY 22 KYP OFFICERS STOPPED A 1993 WHITE GMC TRACTOR WITH CA PLATES, SB ON I-65, FOR A ROUTINE INSPECTION. THEY DISCOVERED \$97,000 IN TWO BOXES IN THE CAB AND \$8,000 IN THE DRIVER'S POCKET. THE DRIVER AND THE COMPANY WERE FROM SAN YSIDRO, CA. A TOTAL OF \$124,210 WAS FOUND IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN THE CAB. USCS ARCHIVES SHOW THAT THE TRAILER HAD MADE 2 U.S./MEXICO BORDER CROSSINGS IN NOVEMBER 1998, AND THAT THE TRACTOR HAD CROSSED 13 TIMES SINCE JUNE 1998. [REDACTED] SHOWS THE DRIVER WITH ALTERNATE DATES OF BIRTH (DOB), ALIASES, AND RESIDENCES IN MANY STATES.

THERE WERE NUMEROUS SUSPICIOUS INDICATORS:

1. NO APPROPRIATE KY PERMITS OR WEIGHT/DISTANCE LICENSE.
2. FREIGHT BILLS SHOWED THAT THE FURNITURE WAS BEING SENT FROM TIJUANA, MX, TO SAN DIEGO, CA.
3. THE TRUCK WAS NOT ON A DIRECT ROUTE TO THE STATED DESTINATION AND THE DRIVER HAD NO EXPLANATION.
4. TRIP LOGS SHOWED EXCESSIVE DOWNTIME IN INDIANA.
5. THE DRIVER CHANGED HIS DESTINATION TO TEXAS DURING THE INTERVIEW.
6. WHEN ASKED, THE DRIVER STATED THAT HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY CURRENCY.

7. A K-9 UNIT ALERTED TO VARIOUS AREAS OF THE CAB.
8. THE DRIVER AND THE COMPANY WERE BASED OUT OF A SOURCE AREA OF SAN YSIDRO, CA.
9. THE SUSPECT WAS INVOLVED IN AN INDIANA STATE POLICE SEIZURE ON 3/17/98, OF \$54,900 IN A HOTEL ROOM.
10. THE VEHICLE HAD MADE 13 BORDER CROSSINGS BEFORE THE SEIZURE.
11. LOG BOOKS SHOWED ROUTES INCONSISTENT WITH NORMAL TRUCK TRAVEL.
12. [REDACTED] SHOW VARIOUS SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS FOR THE SUSPECT.

ON JANUARY 24, TXDPS OFFICERS STOPPED A 1997 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH OKLAHOMA PLATES AND SEIZED 9 KGS OF COCAINE FOUND WITHIN AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF HONEYLINDS. THE VEHICLE WAS STOPPED EB ON I-35, EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TX, FROM DONNA, TX. THE DRIVER WAS FROM DONNA.

ON JANUARY 25 NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE (NJSP) STOPPED A RENTED 1989 FORD BOX TRUCK IN NEWARK, NJ, TRAVELING EB ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE. SUBSEQUENT TO A K-9 ALERT, THE OFFICERS SEIZED 1,200 KGS OF COCAINE FOUND CONCEALED IN BOXES MARKED CAULIFLOWER LOCATED IN THE FRONT CARGO AREA. THE BOXES WERE STACKED AND SHRINK-WRAPPED ON PALLETS. BOXES MARKED WITH THE LETTER "A" HELD THE COCAINE AND THE BOXES MARKED WITH THE LETTER "B" CONTAINED CAULIFLOWER. THE LOAD WAS EN ROUTE FROM HIDALGO, TX, TO QUEENS, NY. THE DRIVER WAS FROM HOUSTON, TX, AND THE PASSENGER WAS FROM CHERRY POINT, NC. THIS SEIZURE HAD COLOMBIAN CONNECTIONS.

ON JANUARY 27 TXDPS OFFICERS STOPPED A 1995 RYDER TRUCK WITH IL PLATES, EB ON I-20, AND SEIZED 127 KGS OF MARIJUANA FOUND IN THE CARGO AREA. THE TRUCK WAS EN ROUTE TO IL FROM AZ. THE DRIVER WAS FROM DOUGLAS, AZ, AND THE PASSENGER WAS FROM RIVERSIDE, CA.

ON JANUARY 29 TXDPS OFFICERS STOPPED A 1996 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR WITH TEXAS PLATES; NB ON U.S. 281, IN HIDALGO, TX, AND SEIZED 724 KGS OF MARIJUANA FOUND COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF SERRANO PEPPERS. A K-9 UNIT ALERTED TO THE DRUGS. THE COMPANY AND THE OWNER OF THE TRAILER WERE BASED IN PHARR, TX, AND THE DRIVER WAS FROM MCALLEN, TX. THE LOAD WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TX, FROM HIDALGO, TX.

ON JANUARY 30 INS/BP AGENTS, AT THE FALFURRIAS, TX, CHECKPOINT, PURSUANT TO A K-9 ALERT, SEIZED 1,132 KGS OF MARIJUANA COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF CABBAGE FROM A TRAILER (NFI) BEING PULLED BY A 1987 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE TRUCK WAS REGISTERED TO A SUBJECT FROM EDINBURG, TX. THE DRIVER WAS FROM MCALLEN, TX.

ON JANUARY 31 USCS AGENTS, PHARR, TX, STOPPED A 1988 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR PULLING A PRODUCE TRAILER, EB ON U.S. 83. AGENTS DISCOVERED 2,382 KGS OF MARIJUANA HIDDEN UNDER A LOAD OF GRAPEFRUIT. THE OWNER IS A RESIDENT OF PHILADELPHIA, PA, AND THE DRIVER OF THE TRACTOR-TRAILER WAS FROM LA JOYA, TX.

ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ARE WELCOMED, AND SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO [REDACTED] CHIEF, EPIC RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, [REDACTED] EPIC RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, [REDACTED]

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ON AUGUST 24 AT 1744 HOURS. THE TEXAS (TX) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 319 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 57, IN WHARTON COUNTY. THE ROCKPORT, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TX, FROM MCCOOK, TX, IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1992 KENWORTH TRACTOR, TOWING A 1995 FONTAINE FLATBED TRAILER. THE SUBJECT WAS NOT ARRESTED. THE TRACTOR BORE TX PLATES, AND THE TRAILER BORE OKLAHOMA (OK) PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE FLATBED TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, LOCATED IN THE TIRES OF A FRONT END LOADER, TRANSPORTED ON TOP OF THE FLATBED TRAILER.

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ON AUGUST 25 AT 1845 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1,330 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 59, IN GOLIAD COUNTY. THE TWO MISSION, TX, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK (NY), FROM MCALLEN, TX, IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1999 KENWORTH TRACTOR, TOWING A 1993 UTILITY REFRIGERATED TRAILER. BOTH THE TRACTOR AND THE TRAILER BORE TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, LOCATED HALFWAY IN THE TRAILER UNDERNEATH A LOAD OF CARROTS.

ON AUGUST 26 AT 0756 HOURS, THE BEAUMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD), TX, SEIZED \$260,029 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10, IN JEFFERSON COUNTY. THE TWO HOUSTON, TX, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, FROM NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA (LA), IN A RENTED 1994 DODGE INTREPID, BEARING LA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE TWO LARGE BOXES OF TIDE DETERGENT, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON AUGUST 26 AT 1025 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA (CA) HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1 KILOGRAM (KG) OF COCAINE, 1 KG OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH), AND \$200 USC FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15, IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (IL), AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH, CA, WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, FROM LONG BEACH, IN THE DRIVER'S 1994 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER, BEARING IL PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE DASHBOARD. THE LOCK ON THE TRAPDOOR TO THE FALSE COMPARTMENT WAS ELECTRONICALLY-CONTROLLED.

ON AUGUST 26 AT 1000 HOURS, THE KANSAS (KS) HIGHWAY PATROL (HP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 102 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING ON I-35, IN COFFEY COUNTY. THE EL PASO, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM HOUSTON, TX, IN A RENTED 1984 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, BEARING TX PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE DUFFEL BAGS LOCATED IN THE SLEEPER. A PICTURE OF SANTA CLAUS WAS PRINTED ON EACH INDIVIDUAL PACKAGE OF COCAINE.

ON AUGUST 27 AT 1730 HOURS, THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO), NORTH CAROLINA (NC), SEIZED \$235,505 USC FROM FEMALES AND A PUERTO RICAN MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95. THE FEMALE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF BROOKLYN, NY, MALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF BROOKLYN, AND FEMALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF NEW YORK CITY, NY, WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA (FL), FROM NEW YORK CITY, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1993 FORD PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING NEW JERSEY (NJ) PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A HYDRAULICALLY-OPERATED FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP TRUCK. THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS NEEDED TO OPEN THE TRAPDOOR TO THE FALSE COMPARTMENT IS UNKNOWN.

ON AUGUST 27 AT 2010 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 167 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5, IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, FROM MEXICO (MX), IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1983 CADILLAC, BEARING CA-PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA LOCATED IN THE TRUNK. LIQUID DETERGENT WAS USED TO TRY TO MASK THE ODOR OF THE MARIJUANA.

ON AUGUST 29 AT 0140 HOURS, THE ARKANSAS (AR) HIGHWAY POLICE SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 499 KGS OF MARIJUANA AND 2 KGS OF COCAINE, FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY. THE PICO RIVERA, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (TN), FROM DALLAS, TX, IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1988 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, TOWING A 1990 KENWORTH TRAILER. THE TRACTOR BORE IL PLATES, AND THE TRAILER BORE CA PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A STATUTORY SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE NARCOTICS, LOCATED IN BOXES UNDERNEATH MOVING BLANKETS.

ON AUGUST 29 AT 0730 HOURS, THE NEBRASKA (NE) HP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 202 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80, IN HALL COUNTY. THE TWO MICHIGAN (MI) RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO DETROIT, MI, FROM LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (NV), IN A RENTED 1999 FORD VAN, BEARING MI PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VAN LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE VAN. THE MARIJUANA WAS WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE, AND PLACED INSIDE GARBAGE BAGS.

ON AUGUST 29 AT 0930 HOURS, THE KS HP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 179 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM ONE MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 54, IN KINGMAN COUNTY. THE EL PASO, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO KANSAS CITY, KS, FROM EL PASO, IN A 1999 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR BEARING TX PLATES, TOWING A 1995 GREAT DANE TRAILER. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE CARDBOARD BOXES COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF NUTS.

ON AUGUST 29 AT 0230 HOURS, THE AR SP SEIZED 7 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN LONOKE COUNTY. THE MALE U.S. CITIZEN DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF MEMPHIS, TN, AND FEMALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF WEST MEMPHIS, AR, WERE EN ROUTE TO MEMPHIS, FROM LITTLE ROCK, AR, IN A RENTED 1999 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE, BEARING TN PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS WRAPPED IN BIRTHDAY GIFT WRAP, AND LOCATED ON THE REAR FLOORBOARD.

ON AUGUST 30 AT 2130 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 8 KGS OF MEXICAN BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON S.R. 152, IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THE TWO SAN MATEO, CA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SUNNYVALE, CA, FROM MX, IN THE PASSENGER'S 1993 FORD F150 PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING CA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE HEROIN LOCATED IN AN

ON SEPTEMBER 2 AT 0029 HOURS, THE NAVARRO COUNTY SO, TX, SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 22 KGS OF COCAINE AND \$2,100 USC FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-45. THE TWO EL PASO, TX, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TX, FROM HOUSTON, TX, IN THE DRIVER'S 1994 MERCURY, BEARING TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE AND USC, WHICH WERE LOCATED IN THE TRUNK. THE COCAINE WAS WRAPPED IN RUBBER AND CELLOPHANE, AND BORE A PICTURE OF SANTA CLAUS.

ON SEPTEMBER 2 AT 1539 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 122 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING ON A CITY STREET, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE ZAPATA, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MCALLEN, TX, FROM ROMA, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 FORD THUNDERBIRD, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE FOUR DUFFEL BAGS. ONE BAG WAS FOUND ON THE FRONT-FLOORBOARD, ONE BEHIND THE DRIVER, AND TWO IN THE TRUNK.

ON SEPTEMBER 2 AT 1808 HOURS, THE BILOXI PD, MISSISSIPPI (MS), SEIZED 459 DOSAGE UNITS (DU) OF METHYLENEDIOXY-N-METHYLAMPHETAMINE (MDMA), BETTER KNOWN AS "ECSTASY", FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10, IN HARRISON COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF KENNER, LA, AND FEMALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF HARVEY, LA, WERE EN ROUTE TO PANAMA CITY, FL, FROM NEW ORLEANS, LA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1991 NISSAN ZX300, BEARING LA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MDMA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A SUITCASE LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE.

ON SEPTEMBER 3 AT 1350 HOURS, THE WASHINGTON (WA) SP SEIZED 1 KG OF METH FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN KITTITAS COUNTY. THE UNION GAP, WA, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1997 CHEVROLET CAVALIER, BEARING WA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS WRAPPED IN VACUUM-SEALED BAGS, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK. THE PACKAGES WERE MASKED WITH DRYER SHEETS.

ON SEPTEMBER 6 AT 0812 HOURS, THE LA SP SEIZED 57 KGS OF COCAINE FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10, IN ST. MARTIN PARISH. THE DRIVER, A HOUSTON, TX, RESIDENT, PASSENGER, A SCHENECTADY, NY, RESIDENT, AND SECOND PASSENGER, WERE EN ROUTE TO NY. FROM MCALLEN, TX, IN PRIVATELY-OWNED 1988 KENWORTH TRACTOR, TOWING A 1993 UTILITY TRAILER. THE TRACTOR BORE MASSACHUSETTS (MA) PLATES, AND THE TRAILER, WHICH WAS OWNED BY THE DRIVER, BORE TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE TRACTOR WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, LOCATE UNDERNEATH A LOAD OF WATERMELONS. THE COCAINE PACKAGES WERE MASKED WITH GREASE, CAYENNE PEPPER, AND POLISH REMOVER.

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ON AUGUST 12 AT 1800 HOURS, THE SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD), CALIFORNIA (CA), SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 113 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN NATIONAL MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN ORANGE COUNTY, THE ANAHEIM, CA. RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO A LOCATION IN SANTA ANA, FROM ANOTHER LOCATION IN SANTA ANA, IN AN ISUZU ROVER. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF ONE LARGE BOX OF MARIJUANA, LOCATED ON THE BACK SEAT. A 45 CALIBER COLT HANDGUN WAS ALSO FOUND IN THE VEHICLE.

ON AUGUST 17 AT 1005 HOURS. THE KANSAS (KS) HIGHWAY PATROL (HP) SEIZED 8 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70. IN ELLIS COUNTY. THE SACRAMENTO, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ILLINOIS (IL). FROM CA. IN A RENTED 1999 CHEVROLET ASTRO VAN, BEARING CA PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WRAPPED IN DUCT TAPE. AND LOCATED IN THE DRIVER'S DOOR PANEL.

ON AUGUST 18. THE ARIZONA (AZ) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 143 KGS OF MARIJUANA AND TWO GRAMS (GMS) OF COCAINE. FROM TWO MALE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 95. IN YUMA COUNTY. THE TWO FRESNO, CA. RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO FRESNO, FROM YUMA. IN A RENTED 1999 FORD EXPEDITION, BEARING CA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS IN BRICK-SHAPE BLOCKS. AND CONCEALED UNDERNEATH SOME CARPET LAID OVER THE BLOCKS IN THE CARGO AREA. THE SUBJECTS TRIED TO MATCH THE COLOR OF THE CARPET TO THE INTERIOR OF THE VEHICLE. BUT THE CONCEALMENT METHOD WAS NOT EFFECTIVE.

ON AUGUST 21 AT 1558 HOURS. THE ARKANSAS (AR) HP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 708 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40. IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY. THE MISSION, TEXAS (TX), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA (PA). FROM CA. IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 2000 PETERBILT TRACTOR. TOWING A 1996 UTILITY TRAILER. THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER BOTH BORE TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE TRACTOR/TRAILER WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE STOP. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT. A STATUTORY SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 22 PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA. WRAPPED IN BLACK PLASTIC AND THEN IN DUCT TAPE. THE MARIJUANA WAS LOCATED IN THE MIDDLE AREA OF THE TRAILER. IN BETWEEN CASES OF MEALS READY TO EAT (MRES). THE DRIVER CLAIMED TO BE TRANSPORTING THE MRES FOR THE MILITARY. BUT ONLY HAD A HANDWRITTEN BILL OF LADING.

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SECTION TWO OF TWO SECTIONS

ON AUGUST 24 AT 0739 HOURS. THE AZ DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1 KG OF MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN, 140 GMS OF COCAINE, AND \$616 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USD) FROM TWO MEXICAN NATIONAL MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40. IN MOHAVE COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF LENOIR, CA. AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF MARICETTA, GEORGIA (GA), WERE EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TX. FROM LENOIR, IN A PRIVATELY-TUNED 1992 NISSAN SENTRA, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT AT THE TIME OF THE STOP. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE NARCOTICS, WHICH WERE FOUND IN A ELECTRONICALLY-CONTROLLED PAUSE COMPARTMENT

STATE	SEIZURES	FINISHED PRODUCT AMT SEIZED IN GRAMS
	564	
ALASKA	10	67
ARIZONA	206	1144.3
ARKANSAS	190	2,072.4
CALIFORNIA	70	37,207.1
COLORADO	73	646.8
CONNECTICUT		
DELAWARE		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
FLORIDA	6	152.6
GEORGIA	11	142.2
HAWAII		
IDAHO	78	904.6
ILLINOIS	56	644.6
INDIANA	56	1,617.9
IOWA	4	12.2
KANSAS	81	1,808.4
KENTUCKY	34	914.7
LOUISIANA	3	
MAINE		
MARYLAND		
MASSACHUSETTS		
MICHIGAN	2	10
MINNESOTA	35	568.1
MISSISSIPPI	31	56
MISSOURI	218	2,221.1
MONTANA	15	206
NEBRASKA	6	169.5
NEVADA	185	4,153.6
NEW HAMPSHIRE		
NEW JERSEY	2	
NEW MEXICO	26	243.1
NEW YORK		
NORTH CAROLINA	2	17
NORTH DAKOTA	4	78.7
OHIO	7	74
OKLAHOMA	179	3,861.4
OREGON	5	9.988
PENNSYLVANIA	1	2,601.2
RHODE ISLAND	5	9.988
SOUTH CAROLINA	1	2,601.2
SOUTH DAKOTA		
TENNESSEE	46	4,291.7
TEXAS	79	2,241.7
UTAH	112	1,441
VERMONT		
VIRGINIA	2	2
WASHINGTON	17	151.2
WEST VIRGINIA	3	3
WISCONSIN	4	185
WYOMING	13	123.3
TOTAL	1,878	89,576.9

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SECTION 2 OF 2 SECTIONS

A. OF THE 1,878 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 759 RESULTED IN ACTUAL SEIZURES OF FINISHED PRODUCT.

B. OF THE 1,878 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 175 INDICATED THAT CHILDREN WERE PRESENT.

C. OF THE 1,878 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 1,037 WERE CONDUCTED/ASSISTED BY DEA. 840 WERE STATE/LOCAL SEIZURES, AND 1 WAS FBI.

D. OF THE 1,878 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 1,655 DIFFERENT PRECURSORS WERE SEIZED.

E. THE LOCATIONS OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 170 COMMERCIAL, 22 INDUSTRIAL, 733 RURAL, 494 SUBURBAN, 438 URBAN, AND 21 WITH NO REPORTED LOCATION.

F. SYNTHESIS ROUTES OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 280 EPHEDRINE, 446 EPHEDRINE/PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 471 LITHIUM, 610 PSEUDOPHEDRINE, 13 P2P, AND 58 WITH NO REPORTED SYNTHESIS ROUTE.

6. CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN BE REPORTED TO THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER (EPIC) USING THE NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE REPORT (EPIC FORM 143), WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR LOCAL DEA OFFICE OR BY CALLING THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM.

7. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES, PLEASE CALL THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM TEAM AT [REDACTED] IF EPIC CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE. CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM. THE POINTS OF CONTACT ARE [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT:

OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
OPERATION CONVOY

HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 8/21/99

****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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SEIZURES ARE INCLUDED IF THEY MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE; ONE HUNDRED (100) KGS OF MARIJUANA; TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN; FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK; ONE (1) KILOGRAM (KG) OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH); AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC AND SATISFYING THE ABOVE CRITERIA SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

ON AUGUST 4 AT 1928 HOURS. THE MARYLAND (MD) STATE POLICE (SP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 5 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE, 5 GRAMS (GMS) OF MARIJUANA, AND \$680 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USD) FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON ROUTE 13, IN SOMERSET COUNTY. THE NEW YORK (NY) RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO POSSIBLY NORFOLK, VIRGINIA (VA), FROM AN UNKNOWN ORIGIN. IN A RENTED 1999 FORD EXPLORER, BEARING NY PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE NARCOTICS. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND ON THE CENTER CONSOLE, AND THE COCAINE WAS FOUND IN A GOLF BAG, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK. THE PACKAGES OF COCAINE WERE MARKED WITH THE LETTER 'P' AND VARIOUS NUMBERS.

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ON AUGUST 10 AT 1115 HOURS. THE FORT BEND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO). TEXAS (TX). SEIZED \$133,900 FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 59. THE TWO EDINBURG, TX. RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO EDINBURG. FROM HOUSTON, TX. IN A RENTED 1999 NISSAN. BEARING TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC. FOUND INSIDE A SHOPPING BAG LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON AUGUST 15. THE IOWA HIGHWAY PATROL (HP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 7 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO U.S. CITIZEN MALES TRAVELING ON I-35. IN CERRO GORDO COUNTY. THE TWO PHOENIX. ARIZONA (AZ), RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO. ILLINOIS (IL). FROM AN UNKNOWN ORIGIN. IN THE DRIVER'S 1997 FORD F150 PICKUP TRUCK. BEARING AZ PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 13 PACKAGES OF COCAINE. LOCATED BEHIND THE WINDSHIELD WIPER MOTOR. ALONG THE FIREWALL. THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN PLASTIC BAGGIES AND DUCT TAPE. AND COATED WITH GREASE.

ON AUGUST 15 AT 1942 HOURS. THE ROBESON COUNTY SO. NORTH CAROLINA (NC), SEIZED \$139,300 USC FROM A COLOMBIAN COUPLE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95. THE TWO MIAMI. FLORIDA (FL). RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI. FROM NEW YORK, NY. IN A RENTED 1999 FORD ESCORT. BEARING FL PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC. WHICH WAS FOUND IN A DUFFEL BAG. SOME ARTICLES OF CLOTHING, AND A BACKPACK. ALL LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON AUGUST 17 AT 1325 HOURS. THE KANSAS (KS) HP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 304 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM THREE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING ON I-70. IN GOODLAND, KS. THE FEMALE DRIVER. A RESIDENT OF MARICOPA. AZ. FEMALE PASSENGER. A RESIDENT OF PHOENIX. AZ. AND MALE PASSENGER. A RESIDENT OF MARICOPA. AZ. WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1999 FORD ASTRO VAN. BEARING AZ PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 28 CELLOPHANE-WRAPPED PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA. LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE VAN.

ON AUGUST 18 AT 0009 HOURS. THE WEST MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD). ARKANSAS (AR). SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 2 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM A U.S. CITIZEN MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-40. IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY. THE HARRISBURG, VA. RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1991 CHEVROLET CAMARO. BEARING VA PLATES. THE REGISTERED

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
[REDACTED] OPERATION CONVOY

HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 8/21/99

TEXT CONTINUES:

OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH. LOCATED IN THE PASSENGER-SIDE DOOR PANEL. A 1993 FORD THUNDERBIRD, BEARING TX PLATES. WAS ALSO STOPPED. THE ESCORT VEHICLE HAD THREE MALES INSIDE. NONE OF WHOM WERE ARRESTED.

ON AUGUST 19 AT 1145 HOURS. THE CALIFORNIA (CA) HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 41 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A U.S. CITIZEN FEMALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-8. IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE COACHELLA, CA. RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ANAHEIM, CA. FROM CALEXICO, CA. IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1998 KIA. BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 35 PACKAGES OF COCAINE. WHICH WERE FOUND IN A FALSE FLOOR COMPARTMENT. LOCATED BETWEEN THE FRONT SEAT AND THE FLOOR PAN.

INTELLIGENCE NOTE:

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STATE	SEIZURES	FINISHED PRODUCT AMT SEIZED IN GRAMS
ALABAMA	9	564
ALASKA	9	77
ARIZONA	189	872.3
ARKANSAS	189	2,072.4
CALIFORNIA	67	37,178.6
COLORADO	73	646.8
CONNECTICUT		
DELAWARE		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
FLORIDA	6	152.6
GEORGIA	10	142.2
HAWAII		
IDAHO	30	904.6
ILLINOIS	52	636.6
INDIANA	55	1,595.9
IOWA	3	2.2
KANSAS	81	1,803.4
KENTUCKY	34	914.7
LOUISIANA	3	
MAINE		
MARYLAND		
MASSACHUSETTS		
MICHIGAN	2	
MINNESOTA	34	568.1
MISSISSIPPI	30	47
MISSOURI	214	2,220.1
MONTANA	14	206
NEBRASKA	6	167.5
NEVADA	179	4,054.9
NEW HAMPSHIRE		
NEW JERSEY	2	
NEW MEXICO	26	243.1
NEW YORK		
NORTH CAROLINA	3	1
NORTH DAKOTA	4	78
OHIO	2	
OKLAHOMA	174	3,859.4
OREGON	5	9,988
PENNSYLVANIA	1	2,601.2
RHODE ISLAND		
SOUTH CAROLINA	1	
SOUTH DAKOTA		
TENNESSEE	44	4,286.7
TEXAS	73	1,571.1
UTAH	112	1,441
VERMONT		
VIRGINIA	2	2
WASHINGTON	17	151.2
WEST VIRGINIA	2	3
WISCONSIN	4	185
WYOMING	10	125.3
TOTAL	1,818	79,364.9

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SUBJECT: EPIC WEEKLY NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE REPORT, FOR THE 2ND WEEK OF AUGUST 1999.

A. OF THE 1,818 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 728 RESULTED IN ACTUAL SEIZURES OF FINISHED PRODUCT.

B. OF THE 1,818 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 169 INDICATED THAT CHILDREN WERE PRESENT.

C. OF THE 1,818 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 991 WERE CONDUCTED/ASSISTED BY DEA, 826 WERE STATE/LOCAL SEIZURES, AND 1 WAS FBI.

D. OF THE 1,818 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 1,627 DIFFERENT PRECURSORS WERE SEIZED.

E. THE LOCATIONS OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 165 COMMERCIAL, 22 INDUSTRIAL, 719 RURAL, 469 SUBURBAN, 422 URBAN, AND 21 WITH NO REPORTED LOCATION.

F. SYNTHESIS ROUTES OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 273 EPHEDRINE, 425 EPHEDRINE/PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 461 LITHIUM, 589 PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 13 P2P, AND 57 WITH NO REPORTED SYNTHESIS ROUTE.

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
[REDACTED] OPERATION CONVOY
HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 8/14/99

****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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

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ON AUGUST 3 AT 1320 HOURS, THE NORTH CAROLINA (NC) HIGHWAY PATROL (HP), SEIZED \$134,865 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM TWO FEMALE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-95, IN JOHNSTON COUNTY. THE TWO BALTIMORE, MARYLAND (MD), RESIDENTS, WERE EN ROUTE TO BALTIMORE, FROM MYRTLE BEACH, SOUTH CAROLINA (SC), IN A RENTED 1999 NISSAN ALTIMA, BEARING VIRGINIA (VA) PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE A GREEN BACKPACK, LOCATED IN A WHITE PLASTIC BAG, IN THE TRUNK. THE USC WAS MASKED WITH PEACH AIR FRESHENERS.

ON AUGUST 5 AT 1400 HOURS, THE TRI-COUNTY TASK FORCE (TF), GEORGIA (GA), SEIZED 56 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN FULTON COUNTY. THE ATLANTA, GA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO FULTON COUNTY, FROM JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA (FL), IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1997 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, TOWING A REEFER TRAILER. THE TRACTOR BORE OKLAHOMA (OK) PLATES, AND THE TRAILER BORE GA PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE SLEEPER COMPARTMENT LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, LOCATED UNDER THE SLEEPER BED. THE COCAINE WAS MASKED WITH BABY POWDER AND TOOTHPASTE.

ON AUGUST 5 AT 2221 HOURS, TEXAS (TX) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 114 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN NATIONAL MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 54, IN DALLAM COUNTY. THE CIUDAD JUAREZ, CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO (MX), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO KANSAS (KS), FROM TX, IN A 1984 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING MX PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN FALSE FLOOR COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN THE CAB OF THE PICKUP TRUCK.

ON AUGUST 6 AT 0207 HOURS, THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD) (SIC), MISSOURI (MO), SEIZED \$1,042,686 USC FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-44. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF EL PASO, TX, AND PASSENGER, A MEXICAN NATIONAL AND RESIDENT OF CIUDAD JUAREZ, WERE EN ROUTE TO CIUDAD JUAREZ, FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (IL), IN A RENTED 1998 BUICK SKYLARK, BEARING TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, FOUND INSIDE A BLACK SUITCASE LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON AUGUST 6 AT 1940 HOURS, THE ARIZONA (AZ) DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 4 KGS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH), APPROXIMATELY 1 KG OF MARIJUANA, AND \$1,005 USC FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-17, IN YAVAPAI COUNTY. THE MEXICAN NATIONAL

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SUBJECT: OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
OPERATION CONVOY
HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 8/14/99

MALE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA (NE), AND
FEMALE PASSENGER, ALSO A RESIDENT OF GRAND ISLAND, NE, WERE
EN ROUTE TO LINCOLN, NE, FROM PHOENIX, AZ, IN A PRIVATELY-
OWNED 1988 MERCURY, BEARING NE PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER
OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION
CANINE ALERT, A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY
OF THE NARCOTICS, WHICH WERE FOUND BEHIND THE REAR SEAT.

ON AUGUST 9 AT 0932 HOURS, THE WYOMING (WY) HP SEIZED
APPROXIMATELY 3 KGS OF METH AND \$10,200 USC FROM TWO FEMALE
U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80, IN LARAMIE
COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF DALLAS, TX, AND
PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF HOUSTON, TX, WERE TRAVELING IN A
PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 FORD MUSTANG, BEARING TX PLATES. THE
REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A
CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE
METH, WHICH WAS IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE
DRIVER'S SIDE WHEEL WELL. THE PACKAGES OF METH WERE VACUUM-
SEALED, AND A SIMILAR FALSE COMPARTMENT WAS FOUND ON THE
PASSENGER SIDE, BUT DID NOT CONTAIN ANY CONTRABAND.

ON AUGUST 10 AT 0350 HOURS, THE NEVADA (NV) HP SEIZED
APPROXIMATELY 23 KGS OF METH, 1 KG OF MARIJUANA, AND \$2,640
USC FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15,
IN CLARK COUNTY. THE EMERALD, WISCONSIN (WI) RESIDENT WAS
EN ROUTE TO ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA (MN), FROM BULLHEAD, AZ, IN
A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 FORD VAN, BEARING MN PLATES. THE
REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A
DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A PROBABLE CAUSE (PC) SEARCH
LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE NARCOTICS, WHICH WERE FOUND IN
TWO ELECTRONICALLY-CONTROLLED FALSE COMPARTMENTS LOCATED ON
THE UNDERCARRIAGE OF THE VEHICLE.

ON AUGUST 11 AT 0705 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 366 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN NATIONAL MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA (CA), FROM SAN LUIS, SONORA, MX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1987 FORD BRONCO, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE SUBJECT INITIATED A VEHICLE PURSUIT, AND THEN ATTEMPTED TO ABANDON HIS VEHICLE AND FLEE ON FOOT. WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF A CHP AIRCRAFT, THE SUBJECT WAS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY AFTER A SHORT FOOT PURSUIT. A SEARCH OF THE ABANDONED VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE BRONCO.

ON AUGUST 12 AT 1310 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 377 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 281, IN JIM WELLS COUNTY. THE TWO CICERO, IL, RESIDENTS, WERE EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TX, AND THEN EVENTUALLY IL, FROM PHARR, TX. THE TWO SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1991 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, TOWING A POLAR AMERICAN TRAILER. THE TRACTOR BORE AZ PLATES, AND THE TRAILER BORE TX PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS CONCEALED WITHIN A LOAD OF CARROTS.

ON AUGUST 12 AT 2200 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 5 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MEXICAN NATIONAL MALES, TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-10, IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE TWO LOS ANGELES, CA, RESIDENTS, WERE EN ROUTE TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN (MI), FROM LOS ANGELES, IN THE DRIVER'S 1991 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK, TOWING A 1996 SPC UTILITY TRAILER. BOTH THE PICKUP TRUCK AND THE TRAILER BORE CA PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE A SPARE TIRE, MOUNTED UNDERNEATH THE BED OF THE PICKUP TRUCK.

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 (29 GRAMS), 1 GRAM 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

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STATE	SEIZURES	FINISHED PRODUCT AMT SEIZED IN GRAMS
ALABAMA	9	564
ALASKA	9	77
ARIZONA	186	867.3
ARKANSAS	169	2,072.4
CALIFORNIA	66	32,184.6
COLORADO	70	644.8
CONNECTICUT		
DELAWARE		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
FLORIDA	6	152.6
GEORGIA	9	137.2
HAWAII		
IDAHO	74	904.6
ILLINOIS	52	636.6
INDIANA	53	1,572.7
IOWA	3	2.2
KANSAS	79	1,789.4
KENTUCKY	33	897.7
LOUISIANA	3	
MAINE		
MARYLAND		
MASSACHUSETTS		
MICHIGAN		
MINNESOTA	32	318.1
MISSISSIPPI	29	47
MISSOURI	210	2,219.1
MONTANA	14	206
NEBRASKA	6	169.5
NEVADA	169	1,801.9
NEW HAMPSHIRE		
NEW JERSEY	2	
NEW MEXICO	26	243.1
NEW YORK		
NRTH CAROLINA	2	1
NORTH DAKOTA	4	78
OHIO		
OKLAHOMA	174	3,859.4
OREGON	5	9,988
PENNSYLVANIA	1	2,601.2
RHODE ISLAND		
SOUTH CAROLINA	1	
SOUTH DAKOTA		
TENNESSEE	39	4,272.7
TEXAS	70	1,570.1
UTAH	110	1,441
VERMONT		
VIRGINIA	2	2
WASHINGTON	17	151.2
WEST VIRGINIA	2	3
WISCONSIN	4	185
WYOMING	7	123.3
TOTAL	1,769	71,505.9

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DATA:

A. OF THE 1,769 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SERVICES REPORTED, 709 RESULTED IN ACTUAL SEIZURES OF FINISHED PRODUCT.

B. OF THE 1,769 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY

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SUBJECT: EPIC WEEKLY NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE REPORT. FOR THE 1ST WEEK OF AUGUST 1999.

1. THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS FOR OFFICIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT USE ONLY AND SHOULD BE HANDLED AND PROTECTED ACCORDINGLY.
2. THIS REPORT PROVIDES GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT RECENT METHAMPHETAMINE AND AMPHETAMINE CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. AS REPORTED TO EPIC. SEIZURES ARE CREDITED FOR THE PARTICULAR STATE WHERE SEIZURES OCCURRED. THIS GENERAL INFORMATION MAY BE USEFUL TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH AN INTEREST IN TRACKING TRAFFICKING TRENDS.
3. TOTAL CY99 STATISTICS INCLUDING ALL REPORTING TO EPIC AS OF AUGUST 6, 1999, ARE SET FORTH BELOW. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT DISCREPANCIES MAY EXIST BETWEEN THE NUMBERS COMPILED/REPORTED BY EPIC AND THE NUMBERS MAINTAINED BY REPORTING OFFICES; SUCH DISCREPANCIES MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO LATE REPORTING TO EPIC OR FAILURE TO REPORT AT ALL. CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE INFORMATION REPORTED TO THE WESTERN STATES INFORMATION NETWORK (WSIN) IS NOT INCLUDED IN THESE STATISTICS. PLEASE CONTACT EPIC TO RESOLVE ANY DISCREPANCIES THAT ARE NOTED.

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
[REDACTED] OPERATION CONVOY

HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 8/7/99

////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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SEIZURES ARE INCLUDED IF THEY MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE; ONE HUNDRED (100) KG OF MARIJUANA; TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN; FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK; ONE (1) KILOGRAM (KG) OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH); AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC AND SATISFYING THE ABOVE CRITERIA SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

(SP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY SEVEN KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN POPE COUNTY. THE MEXICAN NATIONAL DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF CIDERO, ILLINOIS (IL), PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN (WI), AND SECOND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF WAUCHULA, FLORIDA (FL), WERE TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1989 MERCURY MARQUIS, BEARING IL PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND IN FALSE COMPARTMENTS BUILT UNDERNEATH THE CUSHIONS OF THE TWO FRONT SEATS.

ON JULY 17, THE IL SP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 280 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-55, IN SANGAMON COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF FL, AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF MARYLAND (MD), WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM AN UNKNOWN ORIGIN. THE TWO SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1989 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR, TOWING A 1989 UTILITY TRAILER. THE TRACTOR BORE MD PLATES, AND THE TRAILER BORE MAINE (ME) PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 14 CARDBOARD BOXES OF MARIJUANA. THE COVER LOAD IN THE TRAILER WAS ONIONS.

ON JULY 28, THE COLORADO SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD), COLORADO (CO), SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 193 KGS OF MARIJUANA AND \$555 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USD) FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-25. THE MALE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF TEXAS (TX), AND FEMALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF TX, WERE EN ROUTE TO ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA (MN), FROM EL PASO, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1975 DODGE ROAD RECREATIONAL VEHICLE (RV), BEARING MN PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, HIDDEN IN THE WALLS, FLOOR, AND TUB OF THE RV. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE SUBJECT TOOK THE RV APART, HID THE MARIJUANA, AND THEN PUT THE RV BACK TOGETHER. A FALSE COMPARTMENT WAS FOUND IN THE GAS TANK, BUT IT WAS NOT USED.

ON JULY 30 AT 0833 HOURS, THE YOUNGSTOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD), OHIO (OH), SEIZED 370 GRAMS (GMS) OF WHITE HEROIN FROM ONE U.S. CITIZEN MALE, AND ONE NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZEN MALE, TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN HAWKING COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF OH, AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF NEW YORK (NY), WERE EN ROUTE TO

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
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YOUNGSTOWN, OH. FROM NY, IN THE DRIVER'S 1989 HONDA ACCORD,
BEARING OH PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A
CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE
WHITE HEROIN, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A GREEN CARRY-ON BAG,
LOCATED ON THE BACK SEAT OF THE VEHICLE. A TOTAL OF 590
INDIVIDUAL PACKAGES OF WHITE HEROIN WERE SEIZED, MARKED WITH
"LA CURA" AND/OR "HAND2HAND."

ON JULY 31, THE PENNSYLVANIA (PA) SP SEIZED 10 KGS OF
COCAINE FROM TWO MALES AND TWO FEMALES, ALL OF WHOM WERE
U.S. CITIZENS. THE GROUP WAS TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON S.R.
70, IN WASHINGTON COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF
EAST ST. LOUIS, IL, MALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF FAIRVIEW
HEIGHTS, IL, FEMALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF BELLEVILLE, IL,
AND OTHER FEMALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF OFALLON, IL, WERE
ALL EN ROUTE TO EAST ST. LOUIS, FROM TRENTON, NEW JERSEY
(NJ). THE GROUP WAS TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1999 BUICK
BEARING IL PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A
SEARCH WARRANT WAS OBTAINED AND A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED
TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON AUGUST 1 AT 1310 HOURS, THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL (HP)
SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 2 KGS OF METH FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN
NATIONALS, TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80, IN WASHOE COUNTY,
THE TWO SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA (CA), RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING
IN THE DRIVER'S 1988 NISSAN SENTRA, BEARING CA PLATES.
AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF
THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS
WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE AND LOCATED IN AN AIR VENT.

ON AUGUST 1 AT 1433 HOURS, THE TX DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 338 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM
A MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON FM 1915, IN HIDALGO COUNTY,
THE WESLACO, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN
DESTINATION, FROM WESLACO, APPROXIMATELY-OWNED 1993
FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED
OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH
OF THE SLEEPER COMPARTMENT LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE
MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS IN PLAIN VIEW.

ON AUGUST 4 AT 0735 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA (OK) HP SEIZED
APPROXIMATELY 190 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO FEMALES
TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN BECKHAM COUNTY. THE TWO
TUCSON, ARIZONA (AZ), RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED
1977 FORD CROWN VICTORIA, BEARING AZ PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-
DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A PROBABLE CAUSE (PC) SEARCH OF THE
VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, LOCATED IN
THE TRUNK.

UP COCAINE AT 1330 HOURS ON FL836 WESTBOUND. A CUBAN MALE WAS TRAVELING IN HIS LEASED 1999 FORD EXPEDITION WITH FL PLATES EN ROUTE TO A POSSIBLE DESTINATION IN MIAMI, FL. FROM ANOTHER LOCATION WITHIN THE CITY. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE REVEALED THE COCAINE INSIDE TWO CARDBOARD BOXES IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE VEHICLE. THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN DUCT TAPE AND BORE THE MARKING OF A SIDE PROFILE OF A PIG. THIS MARKING WAS PREVIOUSLY NOTED IN A SEIZURE MADE ON JUNE 21, 1999. WHEN THE NORTH CAROLINA HP SEIZED 14 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A COLOMBIAN MALE ON I-95 NORTHBOUND IN JOHNSTON COUNTY. THE COLOMBIAN, A RESIDENT OF CHELSEA, MASSACHUSETTS. WAS EN ROUTE TO BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS (MA). FROM ORLANDO, FL. THE 20 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE MAY ORIGINALLY HAVE COME FROM ORLANDO.

ON AUGUST 4 AT 1400 HOURS. THE LOUISIANA (LA) SP SEIZED 125 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10. IN JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH. THE LAKE WORTH, FL. RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LAKE WORTH, FROM HOUSTON, TX. IN A RENTED 1999 CADILLAC DEVILLE. BEARING MISSOURI (MO) PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK AND COVERED WITH A BLANKET. A 1988 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK. BEARING FL TEMPORARY PLATES. WAS USED AS AN ESCORT VEHICLE. AND WAS ALSO STOPPED WITH THE CADILLAC DEVILLE. THE MALE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF HAWTRAMCK, MICHIGAN (MI). HAD THREE DUFFEL BAGS WITH MARIJUANA RESIDUE IN HIS POSSESSION.

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
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ON AUGUST 4 AT 2130 HOURS. THE HOUSTON PD, TX. SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 467 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 59. IN HARRIS COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO FORT BEND COUNTY, TX. FROM HOUSTON. IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1994 FORD F150 PICKUP TRUCK WITH CAMPER SHELL. BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE DRIVER FLED ON FOOT. AND A SEARCH OF THE ABANDONED VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA. LOCATED IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP TRUCK. A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF A RESIDENCE YIELDED A SEIZURE OF AN ADDITIONAL 756 KGS OF MARIJUANA.

ON AUGUST 5 AT 2350 HOURS. THE LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO). MISSISSIPPI (MS), SEIZED \$106,353 USC FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-55. THE BATON ROUGE, LA. RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1999 CADILLAC. BEARING LA TEMPORARY PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC. WHICH WAS FOUND IN A TRAVEL BAG. LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON AUGUST 7. THE LA SF SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 11 KGS OF COCAINE AT 0645 HOURS. TWO MALES WERE TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA WITH NORTH CAROLINA (NC) PLATES ON I-29 EASTBOUND IN BIENVILLE PARISH WHEN STOPPED. THE GUATEMALAN DRIVER WAS A LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT OF THE U.S. IN CARY, NC. THE PASSENGER WAS A RESIDENT OF RALEIGH, NC. BOTH WERE EN ROUTE TO NC, FROM TX. WITH THE COCAINE. AFTER RECEIVING CONSENT TO SEARCH. THE TROOPER LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 16 PACKAGES IN A NATURAL VOID FOUND IN BOTH FENDER WELLS. THE TROOPER PULLED OUT THE DRAIN PLUG FOR ONE OF THE FENDER WELLS AND SAW THE PACKAGES WITHIN. (TO ACCESS THE COMPARTMENT. THE REAR BUMPER WAS REMOVED; AND HOLES HAD BEEN CUT TO GET TO THE PACKAGES.) THE COCAINE HAD BEEN REPACKAGED INTO A SMALLER SIZE TO FIT IN THE COMPARTMENTS. HOWEVER. THE PACKAGES WERE A TIGHT FIT IN BOTH COMPARTMENTS AND GREASE WAS SHEARED IN THEM TO HELP FACILITATE PLACEMENT.

... 7116.719 USC FROM A MALE
... NORTHBOUND ON I-71, IN WARREN COUNTY. THE
CINCINNATI, OH. RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PHILADELPHIA, PA.
FROM CINCINNATI, IN HIS 1987 HONDA ACCORD, BEARING OH
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STATE	SEIZURES	FINISHED PRODUCT AND SEIZED IN GRAMS
ALABAMA	9	564
ALASKA	9	77
ARIZONA	180	837.8
ARKANSAS	188	2,072.4
CALIFORNIA	64	25,147.6
COLORADO	67	644.8
CONNECTICUT		
DELAWARE		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
FLORIDA	6	152.6
GEORGIA	9	137.2
HAWAII		
IDAHO	74	904.6
ILLINOIS	45	615.1
INDIANA	53	1,592.9
IOWA	3	2.2
KANSAS	79	1,789.4
KENTUCKY	32	897.7
LOUISIANA	3	
MAINE		
MARYLAND		
MASSACHUSETTS		
MICHIGAN		
MINNESOTA	31	318.1
MISSISSIPPI	29	47
MISSOURI	204	1,765.1
MONTANA	14	206
NEBRASKA	6	169.5
NEVADA	167	1,630.9
NEW HAMPSHIRE		
NEW JERSEY		
NEW MEXICO	26	243.1
NEW YORK		
NORTH CAROLINA	2	1
NORTH DAKOTA	4	78
OHIO		
OKLAHOMA	174	3,645.4
OREGON	5	9,988
PENNSYLVANIA	1	
RHODE ISLAND		
SOUTH CAROLINA		
SOUTH DAKOTA		
TENNESSEE	39	4,272.7
TEXAS	66	1,569.1
UTAH	107	1,321.9
VERMONT		
VIRGINIA	2	2
WASHINGTON	17	151.2
WEST VIRGINIA	2	3
WISCONSIN	4	185
WYOMING	9	125.3

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TOTAL 1.731 61.357.6

4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DATA:

A. OF THE 1.731 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 709 RESULTED IN ACTUAL SEIZURES OF FINISHED PRODUCT.

B. OF THE 1.731 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 164 INDICATED THAT CHILDREN WERE PRESENT.

C. OF THE 1.731 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 935 WERE CONDUCTED/ASSISTED BY DEA, 795 WERE STATE/LOCAL SEIZURES, AND 1 WAS FBI.

D. OF THE 1.731 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 1,548 DIFFERENT PRECURSORS WERE SEIZED.

E. THE LOCATIONS OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 159 COMMERCIAL, 20 INDUSTRIAL, 684 RURAL, 452 SUBURBAN, 395 URBAN, AND 21 WITH NO REPORTED LOCATION.

F. SYNTHESIS ROUTES OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 254 EPHEDRINE, 408 EPHEDRINE/PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 440 LITHIUM, 565 PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 9 P2P, AND 55 WITH NO REPORTED SYNTHESIS ROUTE.

6. CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN BE REPORTED TO THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER (EPIC) USING THE NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE REPORT (EPIC FORM 143), WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR LOCAL DEA OFFICE OR BY CALLING THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM.

7. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES, PLEASE CALL THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM TEAM AT [REDACTED] IF EPIC CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM. THE POINTS OF CONTACT ARE [REDACTED]

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 7/31/99

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ON JULY 18 AT 1100 HOURS, THE GEORGIA (GA) STATE POLICE (SP) SEIZED \$126,760 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM TWO MALE U.S. CITIZENS AND ONE FEMALE NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZEN. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING NORTHWARD ON I-95, IN CAMDEN COUNTY. THE THREE MIRAMAR, FLORIDA (FL), RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO BROOKLYN, NEW YORK CITY, FROM MIRAMAR, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1997 DODGE CARAVAN, BEARING FL TEMPORARY PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN TWO GARMENT BAGS LOCATED IN THE CAB AREA OF THE VAN. A .40 CALIBER H&K PISTOL, AND A BOX OF AMMUNITION WAS

ON JULY 20 AT 2315 HOURS, THE MASSACHUSETTS (MA) SP SEIZED
100 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE FROM A COLOMBIAN MALE

TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-90, IN WORCESTER COUNTY. THE
SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO BOSTON, MA, FROM WORCESTER, MA, IN A
PRIVATELY-OWNED 1994 DODGE VAN, BEARING MA PLATES. THE
REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A

CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE
COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE THREE BOXES LOCATED IN THE
CARGO AREA OF THE VAN. SOME OF THE TWO-KILOGRAM PACKAGES
WERE MARKED WITH A BLACK OVAL SURROUNDED BY A RED BORDER.

ON JULY 22 AT 0028 HOURS, THE GA SP SEIZED \$108,720 USC FROM
ONE JAMAICAN MALE AND ONE MALE U.S. CITIZEN, TRAVELING
SOUTHBOUND ON I-95, IN BRYAN COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT
OF PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA (PA), AND PASSENGER, A FORT
LAUDERDALE, FL, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO FORT LAUDERDALE,
FROM PHILADELPHIA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1999 FORD TAURUS,
BEARING PA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS
NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A
CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE
USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN AN ELECTRONICALLY-CONTROLLED FALSE
COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE PASSENGER-SIDE AIRBAG
COMPARTMENT. TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE FALSE COMPARTMENT THE
REAR DEFROGGER BUTTON WAS PRESSED, THEN THE MAIN ELECTRIC
DOOR LOCK BUTTON ON THE DRIVER'S ARM PANEL WAS PRESSED,
WHICH RELEASED THE PASSENGER-SIDE AIR BAG COVER. THE
FACTORY AIR BAG MECHANISM HAD BEEN REMOVED FROM THE
COMPARTMENT IN ORDER TO MAKE MORE SPACE.

ON JULY 23 AT 1228 HOURS, FOLLOWING A TRAFFIC STOP, MENARD COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO) DEPUTIES SEIZED 198 KGS OF MARIJUANA
DISCOVERED IN A MEXICO-LICENSED 1987 PONTIAC GRAND AM TRAVELING ON
U.S. HIGHWAY 190 NEAR MENARD, TX. THE PASSENGER WAS THE
REGISTERED OWNER OF THE PONTIAC GRAND AM. THE 42 MARIJUANA
BUNDLES WERE ON THE REAR SEAT AND INSIDE THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

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AGENTS ALSO SEIZED A TEXAS-LICENSED FORD PICKUP. THE CONTRABAND HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN IN THE PICKUP. WHEN THE PICKUP BROKE DOWN, THE MARIJUANA WAS TRANSFERRED TO THE GRAND AM, WHICH HAD BEEN ACTING AS THE ESCORT VEHICLE. THE VEHICLE WAS EN ROUTE TO FORT WORTH, TX, FROM DEL RIO, TX. THE DRIVER, AN 18-YEAR-OLD MALE U.S. CITIZEN RESIDENT OF DEL RIO, TX, AND THE PASSENGER, A 41-YEAR-OLD MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL RESIDENT OF CIUDAD ACUNA, COAHUILA, MEXICO (MX) WERE ARRESTED.

ON JULY 24 AT 1540 HOURS, THE LOWNDES COUNTY SO, GA, SEIZED \$241,725 USC FROM A CUBAN COUPLE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-75. THE MALE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF MIAMI, FL, AND THE FEMALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF HIALEAH, FL, WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FROM ATLANTA, GA, IN A RENTED 1999 CHEVROLET BLAZER, BEARING FL PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE A SPARE TIRE LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON JULY 25 AT 0950 HOURS, THE TX DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 16 KGS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM A MEXICAN NATIONAL MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 77, IN KLEBERG COUNTY. THE TAMAULIPAS, MX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CORPUS CHRISTI, TX, FROM MX, IN A 1989 FORD TEMPO, BEARING MX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED BEHIND THE REAR SEAT. A CONTROLLED DELIVERY TO CORPUS CHRISTI RESULTED IN THE ARREST OF FOUR MALES AND ONE FEMALE.

ON JULY 25 AT 1315 HOURS, THE IOWA (IA) SP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 196 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A FEMALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80, IN POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY. THE COLORADO (CO) RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN HER 1995 FORD F-150 PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING CO PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN 12 HAUL BOXES LOCATED IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP

ON JULY 25 AT 2319 HOURS, THE 13TH JUDICIAL DRUG TASK FORCE (TF), IN TENNESSEE (TN), SEIZED 7 KGS OF COCAINE,

APPROXIMATELY 14 KGS OF MARIJUANA, AND \$849 USC FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY.

THE MALE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF NEW YORK CITY, NY, AND FEMALE

PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF SAN JUAN, TX, WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK CITY, FROM PHARR, TX, IN THE PASSENGER'S 1991 LINCOLN

TOWN CAR, BEARING TX PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE

DISCOVERY OF THE NARCOTICS, WHICH WERE FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED BETWEEN THE BACK SEAT AND THE TRUNK.

THE NARCOTICS WERE MASKED WITH MUSTARD. THE OFFICERS FOUND WIRES, BUT WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS

IN ORDER TO OPEN THE ELECTRONICALLY-CONTROLLED FALSE COMPARTMENT.

ON JULY 26 AT 1533 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL

(CHP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 4 KG OF METH FROM A MEXICAN NATIONAL MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET,

IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THE SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA (CA),

RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO A LOCATION IN SAN JOSE, FROM ANOTHER LOCATION IN SAN JOSE, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1991

OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION

CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A PAPER BAG

LOCATED ON THE REAR FLOOR.

ON JULY 27, THE LOWNDES COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE IN GA SEIZED

\$152,100 USC ON I-75 SOUTHBOUND NEAR VALDOSTA AT 1414 HOURS.

TWO MALES WERE TRAVELING IN THE PASSENGERS 1992 BUICK

SKYLARK WITH FL PLATES EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FL, FROM

LOUISVILLE, KY. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF LOUISVILLE,

WHILE THE PASSENGER LIVED IN MIAMI. THE VEHICLE WAS PULLED

OVER FOR WEAVING. THE DEPUTY NOTICED THAT THE DRIVER

APPEARED TO BE UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF SOME SUBSTANCE. THE

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DRIVER AND PASSENGER CLAIMED THAT THEY WERE HEADED TO FL TO FISH FOR RED SNAPPER. THE DEPUTY RECEIVED CONSENT TO SEARCH, AND FOUND \$2,800 USC INSIDE A BANK BAG ON THE SEAT. THE DRIVER CLAIMED THE CURRENCY. THE DEPUTY ALSO NOTED THAT A HARD SHELL COOLER IN THE BACK HAD BULGING SIDES. UPON OPENING THE COOLER AND REMOVING THE LINER, TWELVE PACKAGES OF CURRENCY WERE FOUND, TOTALING \$149,300 USC, AND PERSONAL USE AMOUNT OF MARIJUANA. THE TWELVE PACKAGES WERE SMEARED WITH MUSTARD. EACH PACKAGE HAD A PIECE OF PAPER WITH THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CURRENCY CONTAINED IN THAT PACKAGE WRITTEN ON THE PAPER. INSIDE THE LINING OF THE COOLER WERE ICE, CANS OF SOFT DRINKS AND ONE VERY ROTTEN DEAD RED SNAPPER. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE CURRENCY AFTER THE MARIJUANA HAD BEEN REMOVED.

ON JULY 28 AT 0630 HOURS, TX DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 659 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON F.M. 681, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE TWO SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TX, FROM PALMVIEW, TX, IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1989 TRACTOR, TOWING A 1987 DUMP TRAILER. THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER BOTH BORE TX PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT THAT RUNS THE LENGTH OF THE TRAILER.

ON JULY 28 AT 1645 HOURS, ILLINOIS (IL) SP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 6 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-55, IN COOK COUNTY. THE EL PASO, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM EL PASO, IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1994 PETERBILT TRACTOR, TOWING A TRAILER. THE TRACTOR BORE TX PLATES, AND THE TRAILER BORE OKLAHOMA (OK) PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE SLEEPER COMPARTMENT IN THE TRACTOR LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE.

ON JULY 29 AT 1430 HOURS, TX DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 29 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A FEMALE U.S. CITIZEN AND A FEMALE MEXICAN NATIONAL, TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 291, IN JIM WELLS COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF MISSION, TX, AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF REYNOSA, TAMULIPAS, MX, WERE EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TX, FROM MX, IN THE DRIVER'S 1997 DODGE STRATUS, BEARING MX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE WALL COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE FRONT PORTION OF

ON AUGUST 1, THE CO SP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 178 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-25, IN PUEBLO COUNTY. THE COLUMBUS, NEW MEXICO (NM), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO DENVER, CO, FROM DEMING, NM, IN HIS 1989 PLYMOUTH VAN, BEARING NM PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE VAN.

ON AUGUST 2, THE KENTUCKY (KY) STATE VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT (SIC) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 157 KGS OF MARIJUANA AND \$2,901 USC FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN, TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-75, IN BOONE COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO CLEVELAND, OHIO (OH), FROM HOUSTON, TX, IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, TOWING A 1999 UTILITY TRAILER. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA.

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 DUNCE OF CRACK (28 GRAMS), 1 GRAM 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 SEIZURE REPORTS RECEIVED AT EPIC.

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ON JULY 1 AT 1830 HOURS, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SU), CALIFORNIA (CA), AND THE POMONA POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD), CA, SEIZED 15 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 110, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE UXNARD, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO A LOCATION IN LOS ANGELES, CA, FROM ANOTHER LOCATION WITHIN LOS ANGELES, CA. THE SUBJECT WAS TRAVELING IN HIS 1992 GMC YUKON BEARING CA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 15 PACKAGES OF COCAINE, WHICH WERE WRAPPED IN CLEAR CELLOPHANE AND IN THE SHAPE OF TRIANGULAR BRICKS. THE COCAINE WAS FOUND INSIDE A BLACK DUFFEL BAG, LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE SPORTS UTILITY VEHICLE.

ON JULY 3 AT 0955 HOURS, THE TEXAS (TX) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 167 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-20, IN PARKER COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A POMONA, CA, RESIDENT, AND PASSENGER, A CORONA, CA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (IL), FROM EL PASO, TX, IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1994 CONVENTIONAL TRACTOR, TOWING A 1989 IMPTE TRAILER. BOTH TRACTOR AND TRAILER BORE CA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF NINE CARDBOARD BOXES OF COCAINE, WHICH WERE FOUND AT THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER, HIDDEN BY A LOAD OF PALLETS. THE PACKAGES WERE MARKED WITH THE LETTER "P" AND A CARTOON CHARACTER.

ON JULY 4 AT 1320 HOURS, THE FREER PD, TX, SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 17 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN DURAL COUNTY. THE LAREDO, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO GEORGE WEST, TX, FROM LAREDO, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1989 CHRYSLER, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 15 PACKAGES OF COCAINE, LOCATED IN FACTORY VOID SPACES IN THE DRIVER AND PASSENGER SIDE DOORS.

ON JULY 4 AT 1910 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED \$705,000 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON S.K. 99, IN MADEKA COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, AN OAKLAND, CA, RESIDENT, AND FEMALE PASSENGER, A COMPTON, CA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO SOUTH GATE, CA, FROM OAKLAND, IN THE DRIVER'S 1993 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER, BEARING CA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, BUILT IN THE FLOORBOARD.

ON JULY 4 AT 2300 HOURS, THE PUTNAM COUNTY SO, INDIANA (IN), SEIZED 614 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70. THE TWO LAREDO, TX, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA (PA), FROM TX. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1988 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR, TOWING A 1982 TRAILER. THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER BOTH BORE TX PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 307 2-KILOGRAM PACKAGES OF COCAINE, WHICH WERE FOUND IN BOXES ALONG WITH BAGS OF TOKYILLA CHIPS.

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ON JULY 5 AT 1341 HOURS, THE TONONO D'ODHAM PD, ARIZONA (AZ), SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 162 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING ON HIGHWAY 86, IN PIMA COUNTY. THE SELLS, AZ, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO TUCSON, AZ, FROM FRESNO VILLAGE, AZ, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1987 CHEVY STATION WAGON, BEARING AZ PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 21 BALES OF MARIJUANA, WHICH WERE WRAPPED IN CONTACT PAPER, AND FOUND IN THE REAR CARGO AREA.

ON JULY 7 AT 0100 HOURS, THE ANGELINA COUNTY SO, TX, SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 254 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 59. THE MALE DRIVER, AN ORANGE GROVE, TX, RESIDENT, AND FEMALE PASSENGER, AN ALICE, TX, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM ORANGE GROVE, IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1994 PETERBILT TRACTOR, TOWING A 1999 UTILITY FLATBED TRAILER. THE TRACTOR BORE TX PLATES, AND THE TRAILER BORE OKLAHOMA (OK) PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE TIRES OF TWO FLATBED TRAILERS LOADED ON TOP OF THE ORIGINAL FLATBED TRAILER.

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), 1 GRAM 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 SEIZURE REPORTS RECEIVED AT EPIC.

IF EPIC CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, AT [REDACTED] OR VIA TELETYPE. POC IS [REDACTED], UNIT CHIEF.

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SUBJECT: EPIC WEEKLY NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE REPORT, FOR THE 3RD WEEK OF JULY 1999.

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TOTAL . 1,608 59,789.4

4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DATA:

- A. OF THE 1,608 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 700 RESULTED IN ACTUAL SEIZURES OF FINISHED PRODUCT.
- B. OF THE 1,608 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 152 INDICATED THAT CHILDREN WERE PRESENT.
- C. OF THE 1,608 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 871 WERE CONDUCTED/ASSISTED BY DEA, 736 WERE STATE/LOCAL SEIZURES, AND 1 WAS FBI.
- D. OF THE 1,608 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 1,428 DIFFERENT PRECURSORS WERE SEIZED.
- E. THE LOCATIONS OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 140 COMMERCIAL, 20 INDUSTRIAL, 638 RURAL, 419 SUBURBAN, 370 URBAN, AND 21 WITH NO REPORTED LOCATION.
- F. SYNTHESIS ROUTES OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 242 EPHEDRINE, 383 EPHEDRINE/PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 401 LITHIUM, 523 PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 9 P2P, AND 50 WITH NO REPORTED SYNTHESIS ROUTE.

6. CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN BE REPORTED TO THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER (EPIC) USING THE NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE REPORT (EPIC FORM 143), WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR LOCAL DEA OFFICE OR BY CALLING THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM.

7. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES, PLEASE CALL THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM TEAM AT [REDACTED] IF EPIC CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM. THE POINTS OF CONTACT ARE [REDACTED]

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STATE	SEIZURES	FINISHED PRODUCT AMT SEIZED IN GRAMS
ALABAMA	9	564
ALASKA	9	.77
ARIZONA	170	824.8
ARKANSAS	170	1,908.3
CALIFORNIA	61	25,088.1
COLORADO	63	641.8
CONNECTICUT		
DELAWARE		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
FLORIDA	1	
GEORGIA	9	137.2
HAWAII		
IDAHO	68	904.6
ILLINOIS	44	615.1
INDIANA	51	1,592.9
IOWA	3	2.2
KANSAS	72	1,558.9
KENTUCKY	28	781.7
LOUISIANA	3	
MAINE		
MARYLAND		
MASSACHUSETTS		
MICHIGAN		
MINNESOTA	30	318.1
MISSISSIPPI	26	45
MISSOURI	186	1,347.1
MONTANA	14	206
NEBRASKA	5	169.5
NEVADA	157	1,472.9
NEW HAMPSHIRE		
NEW JERSEY		
NEW MEXICO	26	241.1
NEW YORK		
NORTH CAROLINA	1	
NORTH DAKOTA	4	78
OHIO		
OKLAHOMA	164	3,844.4
OREGON	5	9,988
PENNSYLVANIA	1	
RHODE ISLAND		
SOUTH CAROLINA	1	
SOUTH DAKOTA		
TENNESSEE	38	4,272.7
TEXAS	61	1,565.1
UTAH	96	1,277.4
VERMONT		
VIRGINIA	2	2
WASHINGTON	17	151.2
WEST VIRGINIA	2	3
WISCONSIN	3	
WYOMING	8	111.3

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SUBJECT: EPIC WEEKLY NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE
REPORT, FOR THE 3RD WEEK OF JULY 1999.

1. THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS FOR OFFICIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT USE ONLY AND SHOULD BE HANDLED AND PROTECTED ACCORDINGLY.
2. THIS REPORT PROVIDES GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT RECENT METHAMPHETAMINE AND AMPHETAMINE CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, AS REPORTED TO EPIC. THIS GENERAL INFORMATION MAY BE USEFUL TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH AN INTEREST IN TRACKING TRAFFICKING TRENDS.
3. TOTAL CY99 STATISTICS, INCLUDING ALL REPORTING TO EPIC, AS OF JULY 16, 1999, ARE SET FORTH BELOW. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT DISCREPANCIES MAY EXIST BETWEEN THE NUMBERS COMPILED/REPORTED BY EPIC AND THE NUMBERS MAINTAINED BY REPORTING OFFICES; SUCH DISCREPANCIES MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO LATE REPORTING TO EPIC OR FAILURE TO REPORT AT ALL. CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE INFORMATION REPORTED TO THE WESTERN STATES INFORMATION NETWORK (WSIN) IS NOT INCLUDED IN THESE STATISTICS. PLEASE CONTACT EPIC TO RESOLVE ANY DISCREPANCIES THAT ARE NOTED.

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 7/17/99

****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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SEIZURES ARE INCLUDED IF THEY MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE; ONE HUNDRED (100) KGS OF MARIJUANA; TWENTY EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN; FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK; ONE (1) KILOGRAM (KG) OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH); AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC AND SATISFYING THE ABOVE CRITERIA SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

ON JUNE 18 AT 1230 HOURS, THE VAL VERDE SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO), TEXAS (TX), SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 115 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET. THE DEFENDANT, TX, RESIDENT WAS POSSIBLY EN ROUTE TO FORT WORTH, TX, FROM MEXICO (MX), IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1991 FORD F150 PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN FOUR SUGAR SACKS, LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE CAB. THE SUBJECT HAD REMOVED THE REAR SEATS, AND PAINTED AND DISGUISED THE FOUR SACKS TO LOOK LIKE THE REAR SEAT.

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ON JUNE 22 AT 1400 HOURS, THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY TASK FORCE (TF), ARIZONA (AZ), SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 101 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A JUVENILE TRAVELING ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET. THE JUVENILE WAS TRAVELING IN A 1990 CHRYSLER NEW YORKER, BEARING AZ PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, LOCATED ON THE REAR SEAT. THE PACKAGES WERE MARKED WITH THE FOLLOWING CHARACTERS, HANDWRITTEN IN BLACK MARKER: "C," "CQ," "C*," "P," AND "Q." THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN BROWN CONTACT PAPER.

ON JUNE 30 AT 1400 HOURS, THE SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD), CALIFORNIA (CA), SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 474 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN NATIONAL MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-94, IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE SAN DIEGO, CA; RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION, FROM SPRING VALLEY, CA, IN HIS 1998 HONDA, BEARING CA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A CARDBOARD BOX, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON JULY 2 AT 1115 HOURS, THE TX DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED \$305,179 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-35, IN ELLIS COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A U.S. CITIZEN AND RESIDENT OF ANTIOCH, TENNESSEE (TN), AND PASSENGER, A MEXICAN NATIONAL AND RESIDENT OF MONTERREY, MX, WERE EN ROUTE TO MONTERREY, FROM TN, IN THE DRIVER'S 1994 FORD MUSTANG, BEARING TN PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS WRAPPED IN RED CELLOPHANE AND BLACK DUCT TAPE. THE USC WAS LOCATED IN THE GROUND EFFECTS AND IN THE FIREWALL COMPARTMENT.

ON JULY 8 AT 1744 HOURS, THE AZ DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 318 KGS OF MARIJUANA AND \$4,087 USC FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-17, IN YAVAPIA COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A CONCORD, MICHIGAN (MI), RESIDENT, AND FEMALE PASSENGER, A ROCKFORD, MI, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO DETROIT, MI, FROM TUCSON, AZ, IN THE DRIVER'S 1998 JAYCO MOTORHOME, BEARING MI PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, AND THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS LOCATED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE MOTORHOME. THE MARIJUANA WAS WRAPPED IN CLEAR CELLOPHANE, AND SALT AND PEPPER CONTACT PAPER.

ON JULY 10 AT 1619 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 116 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON

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TEXT CONTINUES:

I-35, IN MCLENNAN COUNTY. THE ALAMO, TX, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 ISUZU FLATBED TRUCK, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, LOCATED UNDER A TARP, BETWEEN THE CAB AND A GENERATOR ON THE FLATBED.

ON JULY 12 AT 1010 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA (LA) STATE POLICE (SP) SEIZED 19 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-610, IN ORLEANS PARISH. THE TWO HOUSTON, TX, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, LA, FROM HOUSTON, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1996 TOYOTA CAMRY, BEARING LA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN FRONT OF THE TRUNK WALL.

ON JULY 12 AT 1530 HOURS, THE GARLAND PD, TX, SEIZED 9 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO FEMALES AND A MALE TRAVELING ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN DALLAS COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A DALLAS, TX, RESIDENT, AND TWO FEMALE PASSENGERS, WERE EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, FROM GARLAND, IN THE DRIVER'S 1998 CHEVROLET MINIVAN, BEARING TX PLATES. AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A CARDBOARD BOX, LOCATED ON THE PASSENGER SEAT.

ON JULY 13 AT 1038 HOURS, THE MARYLAND (MD) SP SEIZED 6 KGS OF CRACK COCAINE FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95, IN HARFORD COUNTY. THE NEWARK, NEW JERSEY (NJ), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NORTH CAROLINA (NC), FROM AN UNKNOWN ORIGIN, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1991 LINCOLN TOWN CAR, BEARING NJ PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CRACK COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN AN ELECTRONIC FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED BETWEEN THE REAR SEAT AND THE TRUNK.

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ON JULY 13 AT 1300 HOURS, THE ARKANSAS (AR) HIGHWAY POLICE SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1 KG OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN CRAWFORD COUNTY. THE BOLIVAR, TN, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SELMAR, TN, FROM FONTANA, CALIFORNIA (CA), IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1997 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, TOWING A 1995 HYUNDAI TRAILER. THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER BOTH BORE TN PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A TOOLBOX, LOCATED ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE PASSENGER'S DOOR. THE DRIVER WAS BELIEVED TO BE INNOCENT. A CONTROLLED DELIVERY TO SELMAR, TN, RESULTED IN ONE ARREST, AND THE SEIZURE OF A 1999 PICKUP TRUCK AND \$6,000 USC.

ON JULY 13 AT 1400 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 39 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MEXICAN NATIONAL MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-8, IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE EL CENTRO, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SAN DIEGO, CA, FROM MEXICALI, BAJA CALIFORNIA (BC), MX, IN HIS 1994 CHEVROLET SILVERADO, BEARING CA PLATES. AFTER A DRUG DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, LOCATED IN THE GAS TANK.

ON JULY 13 AT 2100 HOURS, THE MISSOURI (MO) HIGHWAY PATROL (HP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1,239 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-55, IN PEMISCOTT COUNTY. THE TWO TX RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (IL), FROM MCALLEN, TX, IN A 1989 KENWORTH TRACTOR, TOWING A 1984 UTILITY TRAILER. THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER BOTH BORE TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN THE FRONT WALL OF THE TRAILER. THE DRIVER STATED HE WAS PAID \$30,000 TO DELIVER THE MARIJUANA.

ON JULY 15 AT 1135 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 130 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-35, IN LA SALLE COUNTY. THE SAN ANTONIO, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO BIG WELLS, TX, FROM SAN

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ANTONIO, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1993 FORD PICKUP TRUCK,
BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS
NOT PRESENT. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND IN PLAIN VIEW DURING
THE INITIAL CONTACT BETWEEN THE DRIVER AND THE OFFICER. THE
MARIJUANA WAS MASKED WITH FABRIC SOFTENER SHEETS, AND
LOCATED ON THE FRONT FLOORBOARD, BACKSEAT, AND INSIDE A
TOOLBOX.

ON JULY 15 AT 1734 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 6 KGS
OF METH AND \$2,118 USC FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND
ON HWY 101, IN SAN MATEO COUNTY. THE TWO SPOKANE,
WASHINGTON (WA), RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO REDWOOD CITY,
CA, FROM AN UNKNOWN ORIGIN, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 JEEP,
BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS
NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY
OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A PLASTIC BAG, LOCATED ON
THE RIGHT REAR SEAT.

ON JULY 16 AT 0030 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 4
KG OF CRACK COCAINE FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING
EASTBOUND ON I-10, IN CHAMBERS COUNTY. THE LAKE CHARLES,
LA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LAKE CHARLES, FROM HOUSTON, TX,
IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1993 FORD THUNDERBIRD, BEARING TX
PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT
PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE
DISCOVERY OF THE CRACK COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A PIECE
OF LUGGAGE, LOCATED ON THE BACKSEAT. THE SUBJECT TRIED TO
MASK THE ODOR OF THE CRACK COCAINE WITH THE USE OF AIR
FRESHENERS. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE ALSO SEIZED: 700
GRAMS (GMS) OF CODEINE, 1 OUNCE (OZ) OF MARIJUANA, AND \$578
USC.

ON JULY 16 AT 0120 HOURS, THE GEORGIA (GA) SP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 172 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95, IN MCINTOSH COUNTY. THE EL PASO, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA (FL), FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK (NY), IN A RENTED 1995 TOYOTA TRUCK, BEARING WYOMING (WY) PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A BOX, LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE TRUCK.

ON JULY 16 AT 1125 HOURS, THE KANSAS (KS) HP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 6 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70, IN LINCOLN COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1996 FORD, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS WRAPPED WITH PLASTIC LAYERED IN GREASE, AND LOCATED ON THE REAR SEAT.

ON JULY 18 AT 0320 HOURS, THE ACADIA PARISH SO, LA, SEIZED 20,000 DOSAGE UNITS (DUS) OF VALIUM FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10. THE JEANERETTE, LA, WAS EN ROUTE TO LAFAYETTE, LA, FROM LAREDO, TX, IN A RENTED 1999 CHEVROLET CAVALIER, BEARING TX PLATES. THE RENTER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF TEN PACKAGES OF VALIUM, WHICH WERE FOUND IN A NYLON BAG, LOCATED ON THE REAR SEAT.

ON JULY 18 AT 1300 HOURS, THE KS HP SEIZED 13 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70, IN HAYES COUNTY. THE TWO CA RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN THE DRIVER'S 1993 MERCURY VILLAGER, BEARING CA PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN THE DASHBOARD, BEHIND THE GLOVE BOX.

ON JULY 19 AT 0736 HOURS, THE MAVERICK COUNTY SO SEIZED 151 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A COUPLE AND THREE JUVENILES, ALL U.S. CITIZENS, TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 57. THE GROUP, ALL RESIDENTS OF AUSTIN, TX, WAS EN ROUTE TO AUSTIN, FROM EAGLE PASS, TX, IN THE MALE DRIVER'S 1996 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN, BEARING TX PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS MASKED WITH WET CLOTHES AND AIR FRESHENERS. THE BUNDLES WERE MARKED WITH "CHINO" AND

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 7/17/99

TEXT CONTINUES:

LOCATED ON THE BACK SEAT, FLOORBOARD, AND ROOF RACK.

ON JULY 20 AT 2319 HOURS, THE NASHVILLE PD, TN, SEIZED 840
GMS OF GAMMA-HYDROXYBUTYRATE (GHB) AND 3,200 DUS OF ECSTASY
(MDMA) FROM FOUR MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-65, IN
DAVIDSON COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A JACKSONVILLE, FL, RESIDENT,
FRONT PASSENGER, A COCONUT GROVE, FL, RESIDENT, AND TWO
NASHVILLE, RESIDENTS, WERE TRAVELING IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED
1995 CHEVROLET, BEARING TN PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF
THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO
THE DISCOVERY OF THE MDMA AND THE GHB, WHICH WERE FOUND IN A
PIECE OF LUGGAGE, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

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), 1 GRAM 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 SEIZURE REPORTS
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OPERATION CONVOY
HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 7/3/99

////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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY, BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SEIZURES ARE INCLUDED IF THEY MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE; ONE HUNDRED (100) KGS OF MARIJUANA; TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN; FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK; ONE (1) KILOGRAM (KG) OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH); AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC AND SATISFYING THE ABOVE CRITERIA SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

ON JUNE 21 AT 1755 HOURS, THE EL PASO POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD), TEXAS (TX), SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 138 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET IN EL PASO COUNTY. THE SUBJECT, A RESIDENT OF MEXICO (MX), WAS TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1990 CHEVROLET LUVARA BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, LOCATED ON THE FLOOR OF THE VAN.

ON JUNE 22 AT 1455 HOURS, THE TX DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 59 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 67, IN MAVERICK COUNTY. THE SUBJECT, A RESIDENT OF MX, WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TX, FROM MX, IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1994 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR TRAILER, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE

SLEEPER COMPARTMENT. UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE (USCS) INDICATES THAT THE FREIGHTLINER ENTERED THE UNITED STATES, THROUGH THE EAGLE PASS POINT OF ENTRY (POE) ON 062199 AT 2241 HOURS EASTERN STANDARD TIME (EST).

ON JUNE 25, A TROOPER WITH THE ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY WAS ON PATROL ON U.S. 31 NORTH IN BALDWIN COUNTY. AT ABOUT 0300 HOURS, THE TROOPER SAW A TRACTOR TRAILER MOVE TO THE RIGHT OF HIS LANE ONTO THE SHOULDER, THEN RETURN TO THE ROAD. HE ALSO OBSERVED MALFUNCTIONING LIGHTS ON THE TRAILER. THE TROOPER THEN PURSUED AND STOPPED THE TRACTOR TRAILER. THE DRIVER, A DETROIT, MICHIGAN, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A COMPANY-OWNED 1993 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR WITH NORTH CAROLINA PLATES, TOWING A 1988 TIMPTE REFRIGERATED TRAILER. INSIDE THE TRAILER WERE APPROXIMATELY 23,000 POUNDS OF RECYCLED PLASTIC SHAVINGS IN LARGE BINS. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN, FROM LAREDO, TEXAS, WITH THE COMMODITY. THE MARIJUANA MAY HAVE BEEN DESTINED TO MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA, FROM LAREDO, TEXAS. THE PLASTIC SHAVINGS HAD BEEN PICKED UP IN PORT HURON, MICHIGAN. A CONSENT SEARCH REVEALED 537.3 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA IN 17 BUNDLES IN THE FRONT OF THE TRAILER. ANOTHER 513.9 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA WAS FOUND IN SEVERAL OF THE BINS CONTAINING PLASTIC SHAVINGS. THE SEARCH OF THE TRACTOR ALSO REVEALED A VCR-EQUIPPED TELEVISION NEXT TO THE DRIVER SEAT. AT THE TIME OF THE STOP, THE DRIVER HAD BEEN WATCHING A POLICE PURSUIT VIDEO.

ON JUNE 28 AT 1025 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 5 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO FEMALE MEXICAN NATIONALS, TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON S.R. 111, IN IMPERIAL COUNTY. THE TWO SUBJECTS, BOTH RESIDENTS OF MX, WERE EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CA, FROM CALEXICO, CA, IN THE DRIVER'S 1988 JEEP WAGON BEARING MX PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, LOCATED IN THE TRANSFER CASE AREA OF THE VEHICLE. AFTER REMOVING THE COVER TO THE TRANSFER CASE, THE OFFICER FOUND THE FRONT WHEEL DRIVE GEARS REMOVED, CREATING A VOID WHERE THE COCAINE WAS CONCEALED.

ON JUNE 28 AT 2030 HOURS, THE LAREDO TASK FORCE (TF), TX,

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 7/3/99

TEXT CONTINUES:

SEIZED \$442,380 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-35. THE MEXICO CITY, MX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MEXICO CITY, FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (IL), IN HIS 1999 DODGE NEON. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, THAT RAN THE LENGTH OF THE VEHICLE UNDERNEATH THE SEATS. THE MONEY WAS WRAPPED IN GRAY DUCT TAPE AND PLACED IN LARGE ZIP LOCK BAGS. USC WAS ALSO FOUND ON THE DRIVER, AND INSIDE A GLOVE BOX.

ON JUNE 29 AT 1510 HOURS, THE IL STATE POLICE (SP) SEIZED \$117,500 USC FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80, IN LA SALLE COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT (CT), FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA (AZ), IN A RENTED 1999 MERCURY MYSTIC BEARING AZ PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE A DUFFEL BAG, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON JUNE 29 AT 1630 HOURS, THE NEBRASKA (NE) SP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 691 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-60, IN LINCOLN COUNTY. THE THREE EL PASO, TX, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO TX, FROM CHICAGO, IL, IN THE DRIVER'S 1989 VOLVO TRACTOR, TOWING A UTILITY TRAILER. THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER BOTH BORE TX PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN PVC PIPES, LOCATED IN CARDBOARD BOXES. THE BOXES WERE COMMINGLED WITH A SHIPMENT OF LIGHT FIXTURES.

ON JULY 1 AT 0654 HOURS, THE IL SP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 6 KGS OF COCAINE AND 80 KGS OF MARIJUANA, FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-57, IN DOUGLAS COUNTY. THE HOUSTON, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM CHARLESTON, MISSOURI (MO), IN THE DRIVER'S 1995 FORD PICKUP TRUCK BEARING TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE

LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE AND MARIJUANA, WHICH WERE FOUND IN DUFFEL BAGS, LOCATED INSIDE THE TOOLBOX, IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP TRUCK.

ON JULY 1 AT 1730 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 140 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-405, IN ORANGE COUNTY. THE TWO SAN YSIDRO, CA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LONG BEACH, CA, FROM SAN DIEGO, CA, IN THE FEMALE DRIVER'S 1996 FORD EXPLORER BEARING CA PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THREE BAGS OF MARIJUANA, LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THE TRUCK.

ON JULY 3 AT 1410 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED \$128,849 USC FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON U.S. 59, IN COLAID COUNTY. THE TWO ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO (NM), RESIDENTS, WERE EN ROUTE TO PHARR, TX, OR POSSIBLY MCALLEN, TX, FROM HOUSTON, TX, OR POSSIBLY ALABAMA (AL). THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1993 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR, BEARING NM PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS WRAPPED IN BROWN PACKING TAPE, AND PACKED IN A CARDBOARD BOX, LOCATED ON THE PASSENGER SIDE AREA OF THE SLEEPER COMPARTMENT. SOAP BARS WERE POSSIBLY USED TO MASK THE USC.

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BAGS. SIDE IMPACT AIR BAGS ARE TYPICALLY MOUNTED IN THE
DOORS, THE OUTSIDE EDGE OF THE SEATBACKS, OR IN THE PILLAR
BETWEEN SIDE DOORS. THEY ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL
CRASH PROTECTION FROM SIDE IMPACTS, AND THEIR TRIGGERING
SENSORS ARE MOUNTED IN THE DOORS. LIKE ALL AIR BAGS, THEY
ARE DEPLOYED VIA AN EXPLOSION OF GASES. TAKE EVERY
PRECAUTION BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO USE A SLIM JIM DEVICE TO
UNLOCK A VEHICLE.

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 DUNCE OF CRACK (28
GRAMS), 1 GRAM 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
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SUBJECT: EPIC WEEKLY NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE
REPORT. FOR THE 1ST WEEK OF JULY 1999.

1. THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS FOR OFFICIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
USE ONLY AND SHOULD BE HANDLED AND PROTECTED ACCORDINGLY.

2. THIS REPORT PROVIDED GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT RECENT
METHAMPHETAMINE AND AMPHETAMINE CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES
THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. AS REPORTED TO EPIC. THIS GENERAL
INFORMATION MAY BE USEFUL TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH AN
INTEREST IN TRACKING TRAFFICKING TRENDS.

3. TOTAL CY99 STATISTICS, INCLUDING ALL REPORTING TO EPIC. AS OF
JULY 1, 1999. ARE SET FORTH BELOW. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT
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DISCREPANCIES THAT ARE NOTED.

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STATE	SEIZURES	FINISHED PRODUCT AMT SEIZED IN GRAMS
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ALABAMA	7	549
ALASKA	7	20
ARIZONA	157	806.3
ARKANSAS	166	1,880
CALIFORNIA	61	25,085.1
COLORADO	55	504.8
CONNECTICUT		
DELAWARE		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
FLORIDA	1	
GEORGIA	9	137.2
HAWAII		
IDAHO	66	901.6
ILLINOIS	42	558.3
INDIANA	25	1,590.9
IOWA	3	2.2
KANSAS	66	1,515.9
KENTUCKY	25	697.7
LOUISIANA	3	
MAINE		
MARYLAND		
MASSACHUSETTS		
MICHIGAN		
MINNESOTA	27	341.1
MISSISSIPPI	20	43
MISSOURI	145	1,242.7
MONTANA	13	206
NEBRASKA	5	189.5
NEVADA	141	1,364.9
NEW HAMPSHIRE		
NEW JERSEY		
NEW MEXICO	24	210.1
NEW YORK		
NORTH CAROLINA	1	
NORTH DAKOTA	4	78
OHIO		
OKLAHOMA	147	3,727.4
OREGON	4	
PENNSYLVANIA	2	5
RHODE ISLAND		
SOUTH CAROLINA	1	
SOUTH DAKOTA		
TENNESSEE	34	4,270.7
TEXAS	49	1,516.7
UTAH	52	522.4
VERMONT		
VIRGINIA	2	3
WASHINGTON	15	146.2
WEST VIRGINIA		3
WISCONSIN	3	
WYOMING	1	
TOTAL	1,428	45,462.7

4. SUMMARY OF SEIZURE DATA

A. OF THE 1,428 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY
SEIZURES REPORTED ARE RESULTED IN ACTUAL SEIZURES OF

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FINISHED PRODUCT.

B. OF THE 1,428 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 135 INDICATED THAT CHILDREN WERE PRESENT.

C. OF THE 1,428 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 806 WERE CONDUCTED/ASSISTED BY DEA, 621 WERE STATE/LOCAL SEIZURES, AND 1 WAS FBI.

D. OF THE 1,428 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 1,299 DIFFERENT PRECURSORS WERE SEIZED.

E. THE LOCATIONS OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 112 COMMERCIAL, 17 INDUSTRIAL, 574 RURAL, 376 SUBURBAN, 326 URBAN, AND 21 WITH NO REPORTED LOCATION.

F. SYNTHESIS ROUTES OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 208 EPHEDRINE, 344 EPHEDRINE/PSEUDOPHEDRINE, 354 LITHIUM, 467 PSEUDOPHEDRINE, 9 P2P, AND 46 WITH NO REPORTED SYNTHESIS ROUTE.

6. CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN BE REPORTED TO THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER (EPIC) USING THE NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE REPORT (EPIC FORM 143), WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR LOCAL DEA OFFICE OR BY CALLING THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM.

7. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES, PLEASE CALL THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM TEAM AT [REDACTED]. IF EPIC CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, CHEMISTRY UNIT, CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM. THE POINTS OF CONTACT ARE [REDACTED].

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SUBJECT: EPIC WEEKLY NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE REPORT, FOR THE 4TH WEEK OF JUNE 1999.

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2. THIS REPORT PROVIDES GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT RECENT METHAMPHETAMINE AND AMPHETAMINE CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, AS REPORTED TO EPIC. THIS GENERAL INFORMATION MAY BE USEFUL TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH AN INTEREST IN TRACKING TRAFFICKING TRENDS.

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CALIFORNIA	57	24,791.1
COLORADO	54	504.8
CONNECTICUT		
DELAWARE		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
FLORIDA	1	
GEORGIA	8	
HAWAII		
IDAHO	61	899.6
ILLINOIS	42	558.3
INDIANA	25	1,590.9
IOWA	3	2.2
KANSAS	65	1,515.9
KENTUCKY	25	697.7
LOUISIANA	3	
MAINE		
MARYLAND		
MASSACHUSETTS		
MICHIGAN		

MINNESOTA	26	341.1
MISSISSIPPI	20	43
MISSOURI	141	1,242.7
MONTANA	13	206
NEBRASKA	5	169.5
NEVADA	138	1,329.7
NEW HAMPSHIRE		
NEW JERSEY		
NEW MEXICO	24	210.1
NEW YORK		
NORTH CAROLINA	1	
NORTH DAKOTA	4	78
OHIO		
OKLAHOMA	144	3,727.4
OREGON	4	
PENNSYLVANIA	1	3
RHODE ISLAND		
SOUTH CAROLINA	1	
SOUTH DAKOTA		
TENNESSEE	34	4,272.7
TEXAS	45	1,513.7
UTAH	89	790.4
VERMONT		
VIRGINIA	2	2
WASHINGTON	14	146.2
WEST VIRGINIA	1	3
WISCONSIN	3	
WYOMING	5	13
TOTAL	1,380	47,804.3

4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DATA:

A. OF THE 1,380 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 692 RESULTED IN ACTUAL SEIZURES OF

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B. OF THE 1,380 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 132 INDICATED THAT CHILDREN WERE PRESENT.

C. OF THE 1,380 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 778 WERE CONDUCTED/ASSISTED BY DEA, 601 WERE STATE/LOCAL SEIZURES, AND 1 WAS FBI.

D. OF THE 1,380 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 1,265 DIFFERENT PRECURSORS WERE SEIZED.

E. THE LOCATIONS OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 108 COMMERCIAL, 18 INDUSTRIAL, 557 RURAL, 364 SUBURBAN, 312 URBAN, AND 21 WITH NO REPORTED LOCATION.

F. SYNTHESIS ROUTES OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 200 EPHEDRINE, 338 EPHEDRINE/PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 344 LITHIUM, 444 PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 8 P2P, AND 46 WITH NO REPORTED SYNTHESIS ROUTE.

6. CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN BE REPORTED TO THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER (EPIC) USING THE NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE REPORT (EPIC FORM 143), WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR LOCAL DEA OFFICE OR BY CALLING THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM.

7. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES, PLEASE CALL THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM TEAM AT [REDACTED]. IF EPIC CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM. THE POINTS OF CONTACT ARE [REDACTED].

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 06/19/99

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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SEIZURES ARE INCLUDED IF THEY MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS (KG) OF COCAINE, ONE HUNDRED (100) KGS OF MARIJUANA, THREE HUNDRED (300) GRAMS OF HEROIN, FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK, ONE (1) KILOGRAM (KG) OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH), AND SEVENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$75,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC AND SATISFYING THE ABOVE CRITERIA SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

ON MAY 27, AT 2307 HOURS, THE TEXAS (TX) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 13 KILOGRAMS (KGS)

OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM A MALE TRAVELING ON U.S. 281, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE EDINBURG, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION, FROM MEXICO (MX), IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 GEO STORM, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN THE GAS TANK.

ON JUNE 3, AT 0815 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 180 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON U.S. 281, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE MERCEDES, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO WESLACO, TX, FROM MCALLEN, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1985 TOYOTA CAMRY, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND ON THE BACKSEAT, AND IN THE TRUNK.

ON JUNE 4, AT 1446 HOURS, THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD), TENNESSEE (TN), SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 264 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM THREE MALES AND A FEMALE, TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-55, IN SHELBY COUNTY. THE FEMALE DRIVER AND THREE MALE PASSENGERS, ALL CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (IL), RESIDENTS, WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, FROM TX, IN A RENTED 1990 TOYOTA MOTORHOME, BEARING ALASKA (AK) PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING PLACES: UNDERNEATH THE BED, IN A CLOSET, AND IN THE SHOWER.

ON JUNE 4 AT 2035 HOURS, THE LOS ANGELES PD, CALIFORNIA (CA), SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 12 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE INDIO, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NORWALK, CA, FROM BALDWIN PARK, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1993 NISSAN SENTRA,

BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN THE AIR BAG COMPARTMENT. THE COCAINE WAS HIDDEN IN RED PLASTIC.

ON JUNE 5 AT 1400 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 400 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A 70 YEAR-OLD MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-20, IN PARKER COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TX.

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REFRIGERATED TRAILER. BOTH TRACTOR AND TRAILER BORE CA PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED AT THE FRONT END OF THE REEFER ROOF. THE TRACTOR/TRAILER WAS TRANSPORTING AN ILLEGITIMATE LOAD OF STYROFOAM PLATES, TRAYS, AND CUPS. THE PACKAGES DISPLAYED A PICTURE OF CHAPEN IN BLACK AND WHITE, WITH THE WORD "UVA" ON THEM. A CONTROLLED DELIVERY IN CHICAGO RESULTED IN FIVE ADDITIONAL ARRESTS.

ON JUNE 6 AT 0800 HOURS, THE ANAHEIM PD, CA, SEIZED 5 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN ORANGE COUNTY. THE ██████████ RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO A LOCATION IN ANAHEIM, FROM ANOTHER LOCATION IN ANAHEIM. IN HIS 1992 HONDA, BEARING CA PLATES, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE FIVE PACKAGES OF COCAINE, WHICH WERE FOUND IN A PAPER BAG, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON JUNE 6, AT 0930 HOURS, THE ANAHEIM PD, CA, SEIZED 10 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN ORANGE COUNTY. THE TWO ANAHEIM, CA, RESIDENTS, WERE EN ROUTE TO A LOCATION IN ANAHEIM, FROM ANOTHER LOCATION IN ANAHEIM, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1987 NISSAN MAXIMA, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE 10 PACKAGES OF COCAINE, WHICH WERE FOUND WRAPPED IN BLUE PLASTIC, AND LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON JUNE 8 AT 0130 HOURS, THE OHIO (OH) STATE HIGHWAY PATROL (HP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 167 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-75, IN WOOD COUNTY. THE TWO SAN ANTONIO, TX, RESIDENTS, WERE EN ROUTE TO TOLEDO, OH, FROM SAN ANTONIO. IN THE DRIVER'S 1993 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING TX PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN FIVE DUFFEL BAGS, LOCATED IN THE EXTENDED CAB AREA OF THE TRUCK.

ON JUNE 9, AT 0930 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED 1,400 GRAMS (GMS) OF METH FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE SAN DIEGO, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION, FROM SAN DIEGO, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1990 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING MX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING THE PURSUIT, THE SUBJECT TOSSED THE METH OUT OF THE WINDOW BEFORE THE ACTUAL STOP.

ON JUNE 9 AT 1020 HOURS, THE IRNET TASK FORCE (TF), CA, SEIZED 10 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE PARAMOUNT, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION, FROM ██████████ CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1990 NISSAN ALTIMA, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF TEN PACKAGES OF COCAINE, WHICH WERE FOUND IN THE TRUNK.

ON JUNE 10 AT 0707 HOURS, THE TX BPD SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 254 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 83. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION, FROM STARR COUNTY, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1989 MERCURY MARQUIS, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A VEHICLE PURSUIT WHICH RESULTED IN A CRASH, AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE TRUNK.

ON JUNE 10 AT 1700 HOURS, THE MORENO VALLEY PD, CA, SEIZED 6 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE MORENO VALLEY, CA, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1989 DODGE DYNASTY, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE SIX PACKAGES OF COCAINE, WHICH WERE WRAPPED IN CLEAR CELLULOSE AND DUCT TAPE, LOCATED IN

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ON JUNE 11 AT 1019 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA (LA) STATE POLICE (SP) SEIZED 5 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10, IN ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH, THE JAYESS, MISSISSIPPI (MS), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, LA, FROM HOUSTON, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1994 MERCURY MARQUIS, BEARING LA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A RED GYM BAG, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON JUNE 12 AT 1250 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 226 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS, TRAVELING ON S.R. 2, IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE TWO SONORA, MX, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CA, FROM HK, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1983 FORD BRONCO, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE AND INSIDE MULTIPLE BUFFEL BAGS, LOCATED ON THE BACK SEAT.

ON JUNE 14, AT 0949 HOURS, THE LA SP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 177 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON

I-10, IN ST. MARTIN PARISH. THE DRIVER, A MIAMI, FLORIDA (FL), RESIDENT, AND PASSENGERS, ONE A RESIDENT OF MIAMI, AND THE OTHER A RESIDENT OF PHOENIX, ARIZONA (AZ), WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, POSSIBLY FROM PHOENIX, OR EL PASO. THE THREE WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1994 FREIGHTLINER TRUCK, BEARING A 1991 UTILITY REFRIGERATED TRAILER. BOTH TRUCK AND TRAILER BORE FL PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TRUCK LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS COMINGLED WITH THE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF PROMICE, INSIDE BOXES. THE PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA WERE MARKED WITH THE WORD "EL PASO."

ON JUNE 14 AT 2245 HOURS, THE LAREDO TF, TX, SEIZED \$155,930 U.S. DATED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM A MEXICAN NATIONAL COUPLE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-35, IN WEBB COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A LAREDO, TX, RESIDENT, AND FEMALE PASSENGER, A NUEVO LAREDO, TAMAULIPAS (TA), MX, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO NUEVO LAREDO, TA, MX, FROM DALLAS, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1997 FORD MUSTANG, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND CONCEALED IN THE REAR BUMPER.

ON JUNE 15 AT 0313 HOURS, THE ACADIA PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO), LA, SEIZED 5 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10. THE NEW ORLEANS, LA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, FROM HOUSTON, TX, IN A RENTED 1999 CHEVROLET MALIBU, BEARING TEMPORARY LA PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A BLACK BUFFEL BAG, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK. THE SUBJECT ALSO HAD A LOADED .45 CALIBER PARA AUTO HANDGUN, WHICH WAS LOCATED IN LUGGAGE IN THE TRUNK. THE OFFICER SHELLED BURNT MARIJUANA,

EVEN OVER THE ATTEMPT TO MASK ODORS WITH AIR FRESHENERS.

ON JUNE 15 AT 1700 HOURS, THE SOUTHGATE PD, CA, SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 59 KGS OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE (PSE) FROM TWO JORDANIAN MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A SYRACUSE, NEW YORK (NY), RESIDENT AND PASSENGER, A CHICAGO, IL, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO A LOCATION IN LOS ANGELES, CA, FROM ANOTHER LOCATION IN LOS ANGELES. THE TWO SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 DODGE, BEARING CA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE PSE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN SUITCASES, LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE VEHICLE.

ON JUNE 15 AT 1820 HOURS, THE TX SPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 279 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN NATIONAL MALE, TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 83, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI (MO), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MCALLEN, TX, FROM MX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1990 PLYMOUTH VAN, BEARING TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE

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SUBJECT: EPIC WEEKLY NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE
REPORT, FOR THE 2ND WEEK OF JUN 1999.

1. THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS FOR OFFICIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT USE ONLY AND SHOULD BE HANDLED AND PROTECTED ACCORDINGLY.
2. THIS REPORT PROVIDES GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT RECENT METHAMPHETAMINE AND AMPHETAMINE CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, AS REPORTED TO EPIC. THIS GENERAL INFORMATION MAY BE USEFUL TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH AN INTEREST IN TRACKING TRAFFICKING TRENDS.
3. TOTAL CY99 STATISTICS, INCLUDING ALL REPORTING TO EPIC, AS OF JUNE 11, 1999, ARE SET FORTH BELOW. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT DISCREPANCIES MAY EXIST BETWEEN THE NUMBERS COMPILED/REPORTED BY EPIC AND THE NUMBERS MAINTAINED BY REPORTING OFFICES; SUCH DISCREPANCIES MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO LATE REPORTING TO EPIC OR FAILURE TO REPORT AT ALL. PLEASE CONTACT EPIC TO RESOLVE ANY DISCREPANCIES THAT ARE NOTED.

STATE	SEIZURES	FINISHED PRODUCT AMT SEIZED IN GRAMS
ALABAMA	6	539
ALASKA		
ARIZONA	141	661.9
ARKANSAS	151	1,834.9
CALIFORNIA	52	18,430.1
COLORADO	53	476.8
CONNECTICUT		
DELAWARE		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
FLORIDA	1	
GEORGIA	7	
HAWAII		
IDAHO	55	891.6
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ILLINOIS	39	508.8
INDIANA	25	1,590.9
IOWA	3	2.2
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NORTH DAKOTA	4	78
OHIO		
OKLAHOMA	137	3,259.4
OREGON	4	
PENNSYLVANIA	1	3
RHODE ISLAND		
SOUTH CAROLINA	1	
SOUTH DAKOTA		
TENNESSEE	27	4,198.7
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VERMONT		
VIRGINIA	2	2
WASHINGTON	12	146
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WISCONSIN	3	
WYOMING	5	13
TOTAL	1,293	40,577.9

4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DATA:

A. OF THE 1,293 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 492 RESULTED IN ACTUAL SEIZURES OF FINISHED PRODUCT.

B. OF THE 1,293 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 123 INDICATED THAT CHILDREN WERE PRESENT.

C. OF THE 1,293 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 725 WERE CONDUCTED/ASSISTED BY DEA, 567 WERE STATE/LOCAL SEIZURES, AND 1 WAS FBI.

D. OF THE 1,293 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 1,194 DIFFERENT PRECURSORS WERE SEIZED.

E. THE LOCATIONS OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 102 COMMERCIAL, 16 INDUSTRIAL, 515 RURAL, 340 SUBURBAN, 300 URBAN, AND 20 WITH NO REPORTED LOCATION.

F. SYNTHESIS ROUTES OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 186 EPHEDRINE, 522 EPHEDRINE/PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 320 LITHIUM, 415 PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 7 P2P, AND 43 WITH NO REPORTED SYNTHESIS ROUTE.

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SUBJECT: EPIC WEEKLY NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE
REPORT, FOR THE 3RD WEEK OF JUN 1999.

1. THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS FOR OFFICIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
USE ONLY AND SHOULD BE HANDLED AND PROTECTED ACCORDINGLY.

2. THIS REPORT PROVIDES GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT RECENT
METHAMPHETAMINE AND AMPHETAMINE CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES
THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, AS REPORTED TO EPIC. THIS GENERAL
INFORMATION MAY BE USEFUL TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH AN
INTEREST IN TRACKING TRAFFICKING TRENDS.

3. TOTAL CY99 STATISTICS, INCLUDING ALL REPORTING TO EPIC, AS OF
JUNE 18, 1999, ARE SET FORTH BELOW. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT
DISCREPANCIES MAY EXIST BETWEEN THE NUMBERS COMPILED/REPORTED BY
EPIC AND THE NUMBERS MAINTAINED BY REPORTING OFFICES; SUCH
DISCREPANCIES MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO LATE REPORTING TO EPIC OR
FAILURE TO REPORT AT ALL. PLEASE CONTACT EPIC TO RESOLVE ANY
DISCREPANCIES THAT ARE NOTED.

4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DATA:

A. OF THE 1,329 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 692 RESULTED IN ACTUAL SEIZURES OF FINISHED PRODUCT.

B. OF THE 1,329 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 126 INDICATED THAT CHILDREN WERE PRESENT.

C. OF THE 1,329 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 748 WERE CONDUCTED/ASSISTED BY DEA, 580 WERE STATE/LOCAL SEIZURES, AND 1 WAS FBI.

D. OF THE 1,329 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 1,227 DIFFERENT PRECURSORS WERE SEIZED.

E. THE LOCATIONS OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 103 COMMERCIAL, 16 INDUSTRIAL, 537 RURAL, 348 SUBURBAN, 305 URBAN, AND 20 WITH NO REPORTED LOCATION.

F. SYNTHESIS ROUTES OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 194 EPHEDRINE, 326 EPHEDRINE/PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 327 LITHIUM, 430 PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 8 P2P, AND 44 WITH NO REPORTED SYNTHESIS ROUTE.

6. CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN BE REPORTED TO THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER (EPIC) USING THE NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE REPORT (EPIC FORM 143), WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR LOCAL DEA OFFICE OR BY CALLING THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM.

7. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES, PLEASE CALL THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM TEAM AT [REDACTED] IF EPIC CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM. THE POINTS OF CONTACT ARE [REDACTED]

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS LOOKOUT REFLECTS CURRENT
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IT IS NOT TO BE RELEASED TO FOREIGN POLICE OR MILITARY
AUTHORITIES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE ORIGINATOR, WHICH
SHOULD BE COORDINATED THROUGH EPIC.

1. REFERENCE TELECON ON 062299 WITH [REDACTED] DEA
NEW YORK, NY DO, REQUESTING AN NLETS LOOKOUT ON [REDACTED].
2. AGENCIES RECEIVING THIS MESSAGE PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO OTHER
LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN HIGHWAY INTERDICTION
EFFORTS IN YOUR STATE.
3. REMARKS: EPIC INFO FROM DEA INDICATES VEHICLE MAY BE USED
TO SMUGGLE COCAINE FROM NEW YORK TO VIRGINIA EXACT ROUTE OF
TRAVEL UNKNOWN.
4. IF ENCOUNTERED NOTIFY EPIC IMMEDIATELY AT [REDACTED]
5. VEHICLE WILL BE DOCUMENTED IN NADDIS.

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OPERATION CONVOY

HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 05/29/99

****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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

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ON APRIL 29, AT 1544 HOURS, THE GEORGIA (GA) STATE PATROL (SP) SEIZED \$229,400 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM TWO MALES, TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-85, IN TROUP COUNTY. THE TWO HOUSTON, TEXAS (TX), RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TX, FROM NEW JERSEY (NJ), IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1999 KENWORTH TRACTOR, TOWING A 1997 UTILITY REEFER TRAILER. BOTH TRACTOR AND TRAILER BORE OKLAHOMA (OK) PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE SLEEPER COMPARTMENT. A TOTAL OF \$200,000 WAS FOUND IN 3 PLASTIC BAGS, LOCATED BEHIND A PULL-OUT DRAWER IN THE CLOTHES CLOSET. A TOTAL OF \$9,400 WAS LOCATED IN THE DRIVER'S SUITCASE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE SLEEPER COMPARTMENT.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 05/29/99

TEXT CONTINUES:

(HP) SEIZED \$898,719 USC FROM A MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-44, IN LAWRENCE COUNTY. THE GLENDALE, ARIZONA (AZ), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX, AZ, FROM AN UNKNOWN ORIGIN, IN A RENTED 1997 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING CA PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A SMALL SUITCASE, PLACED IN A LARGER SUITCASE, LOCATED ON THE BED OF THE PICKUP.

ON MAY 23 AT 0800 HOURS, THE MO HP SEIZED 159 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44, IN GREENE COUNTY. THE MCALLEN, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN (MI), FROM SAN ANTONIO, TX, IN HIS 1998 BUICK PARK AVENUE, BEARING TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN SEVERAL BAGS, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON MAY 24 AT 1500 HOURS, THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD), CA, SEIZED 21 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON IMPERIAL HIGHWAY, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE SOUTH GATE, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO DOWNEY, CA, FROM ROLAND HEIGHTS, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1985 DODGE COLT, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN THE REAR CARGO AREA, UNDERNEATH THE FLOOR CARPET. THE 21 BRICK-SHAPED PACKAGES OF COCAINE WERE WRAPPED IN POSTAL TAPE.

ON MAY 24 AT 2015 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED 1.8 KGS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15, IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A GARDEN GROVE, CA, RESIDENT, AND PASSENGER, A LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (NV), RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO LAS VEGAS, NV, FROM AN UNKNOWN ORIGIN, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1979 BUICK REGAL, BEARING NV PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE THE HEATER CORE CASING, LOCATED UNDER THE HOOD OF THE VEHICLE.

ON MAY 25 AT 2140, THE CA SP SEIZED 550 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-85, IN TROUP COUNTY. THE SOMERSET, TX, RESIDENT WAS POSSIBLY EN ROUTE TO NEWARK, NJ, FROM MCALLEN, TX, IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1999 KENWORTH TRACTOR, TOWING A 1999 UTILITY REEFER TRAILER. BOTH TRACTOR AND TRAILER BORE TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA AND A 9MM BERETTA MODEL 92FS. A TOTAL OF 34 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WAS WRAPPED IN PLASTIC, AND FOUND ON A PALLET LOCATED AT THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER, IN FRONT OF THE OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF FROZEN BROCCOLI.

ON MAY 26 AT 1407 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED 5.1 KGS OF METH FROM ONE MALE AND TWO FEMALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-505, IN SOLANO COUNTY. THE THREE PASCO, WASHINGTON (WA), RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO PASCO, WA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN THE MALE DRIVER'S 1977 CADILLAC SEVILLE, BEARING WA PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A SPEAKER BOX. THE METH WAS WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE AND MASKED WITH STEAK SAUCE.

ON MAY 27, AT 1122 HOURS, THE TOHOND O'DAHM PD, AZ, SEIZED 128 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON HWY 86, IN PIMA COUNTY. THE TWO SELLS, AZ, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SELLS, AZ, FROM PISINEMO, AZ, IN THE DRIVER'S 1989 FORD TEMPO, BEARING AZ PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE AND PLACED IN TRASH BAGS, LOCATED ON THE BACK SEAT AND IN THE TRUNK. SOME OF THE PACKAGES WERE MARKED WITH "ROBAZ" AND "CAMA6."

ON MAY 27, AT 1130 HOURS, THE INDIANA (IN) SP SEIZED \$807,390 USC FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-70, IN PUTNAM COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A SOUTHFIELD, MICHIGAN (MI), RESIDENT, AND PASSENGER, A DETROIT, MI, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO AZ, FROM DETROIT, MI, IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1994

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
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PETERBILT TRACTOR, TOWING A 1986 FREUHAUF BOX TRAILER. BOTH THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER MORE MI PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE DUFFEL BAGS, LOCATED IN THE SLEEPER COMPARTMENT. MARIJUANA RESIDUE WAS DETECTED IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE SIDE WALLS OF THE TRAILER.

ON MAY 27, AT 1212 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 113 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-35, IN LA SALLE COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A SAN ANTONIO, TX, RESIDENT, AND PASSENGER, A LAREDO, TX, RESIDENT, WERE ALLEGEDLY EN ROUTE TO SAN ANTONIO, TX, FROM LAREDO, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1984 HONDA ACCORD, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE TRUNK.

ON MAY 28, AT 1940 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 195 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN NATIONAL MALE TRAVELING ON U.S. 83, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE TAMAUlipAS, MEXICO (MX), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MCALLEN, TX, FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1991 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE TRUNK.

ON MAY 29, AT 1640 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 499 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-35, IN ELLIS COUNTY. THE MADISON HEIGHTS, MI, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO WOODLAND, PENNSYLVANIA (PA), FROM LAREDO, TX, IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1988 WESTERN STAR TRACTOR, TOWING A 1990 MONAN TRAILER. BOTH THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER BORE MI PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND COMINGLED WITH THE OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF NOTED ~~ON~~ PAPER. THERE WERE A TOTAL OF 64 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA IN THE TRAILER.

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), 1 GRAM 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 SEIZURE REPORTS RECEIVED AT EPIC.

IF EPIC CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, AT [REDACTED] VIA TELETYPE. POC IS [REDACTED], UNIT CHIEF.

APPROVED BY: [REDACTED], CHIEF
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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 06/5/99

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ON MAY 17, AT 1200 HOURS, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO), CALIFORNIA (CA), SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET. THE DRIVER, A SUN VALLEY, CA, RESIDENT, AND PASSENGER, A LOS ANGELES, CA, RESIDENT, WERE TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1996 DODGE BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A NIKE SHOEBOX, WRAPPED IN PINK CELLOPHANE, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK. A PACKAGE OF METH WAS ALSO FOUND ON THE BACK SEAT.

ON MAY 19, AT 2359 HOURS, THE GEORGIA (GA) STATE PATROL (SP) SEIZED \$327,370 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM THREE MALES AND THREE FEMALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95, IN MACINTOSH COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A DETROIT, MICHIGAN (MI), RESIDENT, FEMALE PASSENGER, A BATTLE CREEK, MI, RESIDENT, AND OTHER FOUR PASSENGERS, ALL DETROIT, MI, RESIDENTS, WERE EN ROUTE TO FLORIDA (FL), FROM MI. THE GROUP WAS TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 FORD ECONOLINE VAN BEARING MI PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN PLASTIC BAGS, LOCATED IN THE SIDEWALLS OF THE VAN.

ON MAY 29, AT 0650 HOURS, THE ARIZONA (AZ) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED 22 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN MOHAVE COUNTY. THE POMONA, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO FT. WORTH, TEXAS (TX), FROM POMONA, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1994 NISSAN SENTRA, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS CONCEALED IN THE NATURAL VOIDS BEHIND THE REAR QUARTER PANELS.

THE COLLETON COUNTY SO, SOUTH CAROLINA (SC), SEIZED \$152,664 USC FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95, ON MAY 29 AT 1300 HOURS. THE MALE DRIVER, A MIAMI, FL, RESIDENT, AND FEMALE PASSENGER, A CORAL GABLES, FL, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FL, FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK (NY), IN A RENTED 1998 BUICK LESABRE, BEARING NY PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE ONE PLASTIC BAG AND TWO SHOE BAGS, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

THE KANSAS (KS) HIGHWAY PATROL (HP) SEIZED 11 KGS OF METH, ON MAY 30 AT 1650 HOURS, FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70, IN ELLIS COUNTY. THE FEMALE DRIVER, A KENDALLVILLE, INDIANA (IN), RESIDENT, AND MALE PASSENGER, AN ALBION, IN, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO FT. WAYNE, IN, FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE, BEARING IL PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE ROCKER PANELS.

ON MAY 31 AT 2330 HOURS, THE LAREDO TX DRUG INTERDICTION TASK FORCE (TF), SEIZED \$186,015 USC FROM TWO MALES AND A FEMALE, TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-35, IN WEBB COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A MEXICAN NATIONAL, MALE PASSENGER, A DALLAS, TX, RESIDENT, AND FEMALE PASSENGER, A DALLAS, TX, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO REYNOSA, TAMAULIPAS (TA), MEXICO (MX), FROM DALLAS, TX, IN A 1998 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN, BEARING MX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING ITEMS: A SOAP BOX, A TRASH BAG BOX, A CAN OF KOOL-AID, A 1 GALLON CONTAINER OF MUSTARD, AND IN A PIECE OF LUGGAGE.

ON JUNE 1 AT 1410 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED 7 KGS OF METH AND \$921 USC FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A BELLFLOWER, CA, RESIDENT, AND PASSENGER, A TORRANCE, CA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS (AR), FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN THE DRIVER'S 1992 ACURA, BEARING CA PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN THE GAS TANK. THE GAS TANK COMPARTMENT WAS ELECTRONICALLY ACTIVATED, AND ACCESS WAS GAINED THROUGH THE SENDING UNIT COVER, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON JUNE 1 AT 2000 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED 1 KG OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15, IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A COMMERCE CITY, COLORADO (CO), RESIDENT, AND PASSENGER, A SOUTHGATE, CA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO CO, FROM SOUTHGATE, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1986 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA, BEARING CO PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A NATURAL VOID WITHIN THE DASHBOARD.

ON JUNE 1 AT 2355 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 1,417 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 281, IN BROOKS COUNTY. THE MCALLEN, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TX, FROM MCALLEN, TX, IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1988 KENWORTH TRACTOR, TOWING A 1995 GREAT DANE TRAILER. BOTH TRACTOR AND TRAILER BORE TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE TRAILER WITH AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF PINEAPPLES AND WATERMELONS.

ON JUNE 2 AT 1500 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 256 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 83, IN STARR COUNTY. THE LA JOYA, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION, FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TX, IN HIS 1985 LINCOLN, BEARING TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE TRUNK, AND ON THE BACK SEAT.

ON JUNE 2 AT 2100 HOURS, THE LAREDO TX DRUG INTERDICTION TF, SEIZED \$219,979 USC FROM A FEMALE MEXICAN NATIONAL, TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-35, IN WEBB COUNTY. THE CHIHUAHUA, MX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON, MX, FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (IL), IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1999 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA, BEARING MX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK ALONG THE REAR BUMPER. THE SEARCH REVEALED A TRAP DOOR UNDERNEATH THE PLASTIC COVER OF THE BUMPER. A METAL BOX, THE LENGTH OF THE BUMPER, WAS INSTALLED AND CONTAINED NUMEROUS PACKAGES OF USC, WRAPPED WITH CLEAR CELLOPHANE AND HELD TOGETHER WITH RUBBER BANDS. THE PACKAGES WERE MARKED WITH THE NUMBERS TEN AND FIVE, ON THE OUTSIDE OF THE PACKAGE WITH A BLACK MARKER.

ON JUNE 3 AT 1325 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA (OK) HP SEIZED 160 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN BECKHAM COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO (NM), RESIDENT, AND FEMALE PASSENGER, A DEMING, NM, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO MISSOURI (MO), FROM NM, IN A RENTED 1989 TOYOTA VAN, BEARING AZ PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE OF A BIG SCREEN TELEVISION SET. THE TELEVISION SET WAS LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE VAN, SURROUNDED BY FURNITURE.

ON JUNE 3 AT 1630 HOURS, THE IL SP SEIZED 7 KGS OF COCAINE AND \$1,023 USC FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-57, IN DOUGLAS COUNTY. THE CHICAGO, IL, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ST. LOUIS, MO, FROM CHICAGO, IL, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1993 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING IL PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN THE LEFT REAR QUARTER PANEL. ACCESS WAS GAINED TO THE FALSE COMPARTMENT THROUGH THE LEFT REAR SIDE ARMREST.

ON JUNE 3 AT 1730 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED 5 KGS OF METH FROM TWO MALES AND A FEMALE, TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON STATE ROAD (SR) 99, IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A DELHI, CA, RESIDENT, FEMALE PASSENGER, A DELHI, CA, RESIDENT, AND MALE PASSENGER, A TURLOCK, CA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO SACRAMENTO, CA, FROM DELHI, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 FORD ESCORT, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A SEALED BOX OF LAUNDRY DETERGENT, LOCATED IN THE HATCHBACK AREA. INSIDE THE DETERGENT BOX WERE FOUR PACKAGES OF METH.

ON JUNE 3 AT 1955 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED 100 GRAMS (GMS) OF BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THE SAN JOSE, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CAMPBELL, CA, FROM SAN JOSE, CA, IN HIS 1990 FORD THUNDERBIRD, BEARING CA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE BLACK TAR HEROIN, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE DRIVER'S SIDE SEAT PANEL.

ON JUNE 6 AT 2330 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 6 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 281, IN BROOKS COUNTY. THE REYNOSA, TA, MX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TX, FROM REYNOSA, IN A 1986 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS, BEARING MX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN THE FIREWALL.

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), 1 GRAM 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 SEIZURE REPORTS RECEIVED AT EPIC.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 06/12/99

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ON MAY 21, AT 1530 HOURS. THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY TASK FORCE (TF), ARIZONA (AZ), SEIZED 551 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE

FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET. THE NOGALES, SONORA, MEXICO (MX), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO A LOCATION IN NOGALES, AZ, FROM ANOTHER LOCATION IN NOGALES, AZ. THE SUBJECT WAS TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 FORD F-150 PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING AZ PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP.

ON MAY 25, AT 1055 HOURS. THE LOWNDES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO), GEORGIA (GA), SEIZED \$118,220 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-75. THE MALE DRIVER, A FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA (FL), RESIDENT, AND FEMALE PASSENGER, AN ORLANDO, FL, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO ORLANDO, FROM ATLANTA, GA, IN THE PASSENGER'S 1999 CADILLAC ESCALADE, BEARING FL TEMPORARY PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A TOTE BAG, LOCATED IN THE REAR CARGO AREA, BEHIND A BUCKET OF GREASE. THE PASSENGER PURCHASED THE VEHICLE FOUR DAYS BEFORE THE SEIZURE WITH A DOWN PAYMENT OF \$20,000 USC. THE RETAIL PRICE FOR A CADILLAC ESCALADE IS LISTED AT \$46,000.

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ON MAY 27, AT 0057 HOURS, THE WASHINGTON (WA) STATE PATROL (SP) SEIZED 390 GRAMS (GMS) OF MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON S.R. 97, IN YAKIMA COUNTY. THE YAKIMA, WA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION, FROM YAKIMA, WA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1991 CHEVROLET S-10 PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING WA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN, WHICH WAS CONCEALED ON THE DRIVER'S BODY.

THE OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD), CALIFORNIA (CA), SEIZED

1 KG OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN ALAMEDA COUNTY, ON MAY 28 AT 2330 HOURS. THE TWO OAKLAND, CA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO A LOCATION IN OAKLAND, FROM ANOTHER LOCATION IN OAKLAND. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1980 TOYOTA, BEARING CA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS WRAPPED IN CLEAR CELLOPHANE, AND LOCATED ON THE FLOORBOARD. SOME PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED WITH RED CELLOPHANE, AND MASKED WITH MUSTARD, COFFEE, OR BEER.

THE ZAPATA COUNTY SO, TEXAS (TX), SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 389 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 83, ON JUNE 4 AT 0400 HOURS. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION, FROM ZAPATA, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1988 FORD PICKUP, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN BOTH THE BED OF THE PICKUP, AND THE REAR CAB SEAT.

ON JUNE 10 AT 2257 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 4 KGS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5, IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY. THE TWO DELHI, CA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SALEM, OREGON (OR), FROM DELHI, CA, IN THE DRIVER'S 1990 FORD TEMPO, BEARING CA PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE SEVEN HEAT-SEALED PACKAGES OF METH, WHICH WERE FOUND IN THE TRUNK. THE METH WAS MASKED WITH LIQUID FABRIC SOFTENER.

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SUBJECT: EPIC WEEKLY NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE REPORT, FOR THE 4TH WEEK OF MAY 1999.

1. THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS FOR OFFICIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT USE ONLY AND SHOULD BE HANDLED AND PROTECTED ACCORDINGLY.

2. THIS REPORT PROVIDES GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT RECENT METHAMPHETAMINE AND AMPHETAMINE CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, AS REPORTED TO EPIC. THIS GENERAL INFORMATION MAY BE USEFUL TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH AN INTEREST IN TRACKING TRAFFICKING TRENDS.

3. TOTAL CY99 STATISTICS, INCLUDING ALL REPORTING TO EPIC, AS OF MAY 28, 1999, ARE SET FORTH BELOW. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT DISCREPANCIES MAY EXIST BETWEEN THE NUMBERS COMPILED/REPORTED BY EPIC AND THE NUMBERS MAINTAINED BY REPORTING OFFICES; SUCH DISCREPANCIES MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO LATE REPORTING TO EPIC OR FAILURE TO REPORT AT ALL. PLEASE CONTACT EPIC TO RESOLVE ANY DISCREPANCIES THAT ARE NOTED.

STATE	SEIZURES	FINISHED PRODUCT AMT SEIZED IN GRAMS
ALABAMA		539
ALASKA		
ARIZONA		657.6
ARKANSAS		1,727
CALIFORNIA	48	18,424.5
COLORADO	51	476.8
CONNECTICUT		
DELAWARE		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
FLORIDA	1	
GEORGIA	5	
HAWAII		
IDAHO	54	891.6
ILLINOIS	34	487.8
INDIANA	18	1,169.9
IOWA	3	2.2
KANSAS	58	1,402.4
KENTUCKY	23	687
LOUISIANA	2	

MAINE		
MARYLAND		
MASSACHUSETTS		
MICHIGAN		
MINNESOTA	24	333.1
MISSISSIPPI	11	37
MISSOURI	115	1,060.2
MONTANA	11	206
NEBRASKA	5	169.5
NEVADA	118	1,236.6
NEW HAMPSHIRE		
NEW JERSEY		
NEW MEXICO	24	210.1
NEW YORK		
NORTH CAROLINA	1	
NORTH DAKOTA	4	78
OHIO		
OKLAHOMA	133	3,144.7
OREGON	2	
PENNSYLVANIA	1	3
RHODE ISLAND		
SOUTH CAROLINA	1	
SOUTH DAKOTA		
TENNESSEE	25	4,198.7
TEXAS	37	1,508.7
UTAH	81	788.7
VERMONT		
VIRGINIA	2	2
WASHINGTON	11	146
WEST VIRGINIA	1	3
WISCONSIN	3	
WYOMING	5	13
TOTAL	1,196	39,604.1

4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DATA:

- A. OF THE 1,196 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 674 RESULTED IN ACTUAL SEIZURES OF FINISHED PRODUCT.
- B. OF THE 1,196 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 110 INDICATED THAT CHILDREN WERE PRESENT.
- C. OF THE 1,196 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY

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SEIZURES REPORTED, 670 WERE CONDUCTED/ASSISTED BY DEA; AND 526 WERE STATE/LOCAL SEIZURES.

D. OF THE 1,196 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 1,108 DIFFERENT PRECURSORS WERE SEIZED.

E. THE LOCATIONS OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 90 COMMERCIAL, 15 INDUSTRIAL, 476 RURAL, 311 SUBURBAN, 286 URBAN; AND 18 WITH NO REPORTED LOCATION.

F. SYNTHESIS ROUTES OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 172 EPHEDRINE, 302 EPHEDRINE/PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 294 LITHIUM, 385 PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 5 P2P, AND 38 WITH NO REPORTED SYNTHESIS ROUTE.

6. CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN BE REPORTED TO THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER (EPIC) USING THE NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE REPORT (EPIC FORM 143), WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR LOCAL DEA OFFICE OR BY CALLING THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM.

7. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES, PLEASE CALL THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM TEAM AT (915) 760-2339 OR 760-2353. IF EPIC CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM. THE POINTS OF CONTACT ARE

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WEEK ENDING 05/22/99

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ON APRIL 24, AT 1600 HOURS, THE NEVADA (NV) STATE HIGHWAY PATROL (HP) SEIZED 2.7 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM TWO MALES, TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80, IN WASHOE COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A YUBA CITY, CALIFORNIA (CA), RESIDENT, AND PASSENGER WERE EN ROUTE TO DES MOINES, IOWA (IA), FROM YUBA CITY, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1989 FORD VAN, BEARING IA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE THE SPARE TIRE, LOCATED UNDERNEATH THE REAR BUMPER. THE FIVE PACKAGES OF METH WERE WRAPPED IN DUCT TAPE AND NYLON.

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ON MAY 7, AT 1100 HOURS, THE KANSAS (KS) HP SEIZED 107 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A FEMALE, TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70, IN TREGO COUNTY. THE CA RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION, FROM CA, IN HER 1985 CHEVROLET CONVERSION VAN, BEARING CA PLATES. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT AND A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN THE ROOF OF THE VAN.

ON MAY 11, THE SPAULDING COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO), GEORGIA (GA), SEIZED \$749,781 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-75. THE TWO MIAMI, FLORIDA (FL), RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FL, FROM ATLANTA, GA, IN THE DRIVER'S 1999 CHEVROLET VAN, BEARING FL PLATES. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT AND A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN THE ROOF OF THE VAN.

THE OMAHA POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD), NEBRASKA (NE), SEIZED 440 KGS OF MARIJUANA, ON MAY 11 AT 0602 HOURS, FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80, IN DOUGLAS COUNTY. THE TWO EL PASO RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION, FROM EL PASO, TEXAS (TX), IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1985 CHEVROLET C-30 PICKUP TRUCK, TOWING A FLATBED TRAILER. THE CHEVY WAS BEARING TX PLATES, AND THE REGISTERED OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT AND CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN FALSE COMPARTMENTS, BUILT ON THE UNDERSIDE OF THE FLATBED TRAILER.

THE OKLAHOMA (OK) HP SEIZED \$128,025 USC FROM A COUPLE AND A CHILD TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-35, IN KAY COUNTY, ON MAY 11, AT 0940 HOURS. THE DRIVER, A MARLIN, TX, RESIDENT, AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF AUBURNDALE, FL, WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1992 FORD CROWN VICTORIA, BEARING TX PLATES. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN ANTONIO, TX, FROM KANSAS CITY, KS. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT AND CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT, BUILT INTO THE DASHBOARD.

ON MAY 13 AT 1000 HOURS, THE LAREDO PD, TX, SEIZED \$197,795 USC FROM TWO FEMALES, TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-35, IN WEBB COUNTY. THE TWO MEXICAN NATIONALS WERE EN ROUTE TO MEXICO, (FROM HOUSTON, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1988 HONDA ACCORD), BEARING MX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE

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VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE
ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE
DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS WRAPPED IN VACUUM-SEALED
BAGS, LOCATED IN THE GAS TANK.

ON MAY 14, THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY SO, NORTH CAROLINA (NC),
SEIZED 15 KGS OF METHYLENEDIOXY METHAMPHETAMINE (MDMA) FROM
TWO MALES, TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95. THE TWO MIAMI, FL,
RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FL, FROM NEW YORK, NEW
YORK (NY), IN A RENTED 1999 LINCOLN TOWNCAR, BEARING NEW
JERSEY (NJ) PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED
TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MDMA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE TRUNK
FENDER WALLS.

ON MAY 14, THE TX DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED
221 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING ON U.S.
281, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE PHARR, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN
ROUTE TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN (MI), FROM EDINBURG, TX, IN A
1993 PETERBILT TRACTOR, TOWING A 1987 PETERBILT UTILITY
TRAILER, BOTH BEARING TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE
VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS
FOUND UNDER THE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF WATERMELONS.

ON MAY 14, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED 12.3
KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5, IN
KERN COUNTY. THE SAN MATEO, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO
SAN FRANCISCO, CA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN HIS 1993 NISSAN
SENTRA, BEARING CA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE
VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND
INSIDE FALSE COMPARTMENTS, BUILT INSIDE THE DASHBOARD, AND
IN THE REAR QUARTER PANELS.

ON MAY 15, THE ARIZONA (AZ) DPS SEIZED 10 KGS OF COCAINE, FROM A
COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN HOJAVE COUNTY. THE MALE
DRIVER, A WEST COVINA, CA, RESIDENT, AND FEMALE PASSENGER, AN
ORANGE, CA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO CAMDEN, NJ, FROM WEST
COVINA, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1989 HONDA PRELUDE, BEARING CA
PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A
DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, AND AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE
VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN AN
ELECTRONIC FALSE COMPARTMENT, BUILT INSIDE OF THE REAR SEAT.

ON MAY 16, AT 0930 HOURS, THE TOHONO ODAHAM PD, AZ, SEIZED 117 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES AND A FEMALE, TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON HWY 86, IN PIMA COUNTY. THE FEMALE DRIVER, A SELLS, AZ, RESIDENT, MALE PASSENGER, A SELLS, AZ, RESIDENT, AND SECOND MALE PASSENGER, A MEXICAN NATIONAL, WERE EN ROUTE TO TUCSON, AZ, FROM COVERED WELLS, AZ. THE THREE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1992 CHEVY CAVALIER, BEARING AZ PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND ON THE BACK SEAT AND IN THE TRUNK.

ON MAY 16, AT 1350 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED 13.6 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10, IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, AN EL CENTRO, CA, RESIDENT, AND PASSENGER, A MEXICAN NATIONAL, WERE EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CA, FROM MEXICALI, MEXICO (MX), IN THE DRIVER'S 1987 FORD THUNDERBIRD, BEARING CA PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN BOTH RIGHT AND LEFT REAR QUARTER PANELS.

ON MAY 17, AT 2132 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED \$294,350 USC FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-20, IN EASTLAND COUNTY. THE EL PASO, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO EL PASO, TX, FROM BETHEL, PENNSYLVANIA (PA), IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1996 GMC YUKON, BEARING MASSACHUSETTS (MA) PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE THE REAR TAILGATE.

ON MAY 18, AT 0900 HOURS, THE COLORADO (CO) STATE PATROL (SP) SEIZED 9 KGS OF METH FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND IN I-25, IN PUEBLO COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A HUNTINGTON PARK, CA, RESIDENT, AND FEMALE PASSENGER, A PHOENIX, AZ, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA (MN), FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1988 DODGE, BEARING MN PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE TWO BLACK HANDBAGS, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

THE TX DPS SEIZED 121.6 KGS OF MARIJUANA, ON MAY 19, AT 0713 HOURS, FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10, IN HUDSPETH COUNTY. THE TWO PORVENIR, MX, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO EL PASO, TX, FROM MCNARY, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1981 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX, BEARING MX PLATES. THE REGISTERED

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OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE
VEHICLE LEAD TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS
FOUND ON THE BACK SEAT AND IN THE TRUNK.

THE GEORGIA (GA) SP SEIZED 377 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A
COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-20, IN CARROLL COUNTY, ON
MAY 20. THE MALE DRIVER, A CEDARHILL, TX, RESIDENT, AND
FEMALE PASSENGER, A MIAMI, FL, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO
ATLANTA, GA, FROM EL PASO, TX, IN THE DRIVER'S 1999
PETERBILT TRACTOR, TOWING A 1987 UTILITY REEFER TRAILER.
BOTH TRACTOR AND TRAILER BORE TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL
SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA,
WHICH WAS FOUND ON A PALLET IN THE MIDDLE OF THE OTHERWISE
LEGITIMATE LOAD OF 4X4 HARD PLASTIC SHEETS. THE DRIVER IS A
MEMBER OF A GROUP THAT IS MOVING VAST QUANTITIES OF
MARIJUANA, COCAINE, AND HEROIN. HE CLAIMED THAT THE GROUP
WAS MOVING A TON OF MARIJUANA A DAY TO ATLANTA, GA. HE ALSO
ADMITTED TO TRANSPORTING A LOAD OF MARIJUANA FROM EL PASO,
TX, TO CHICAGO, IL, CIRCA MAY 11.

ON MAY 20, AT 0018 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED 3.3 KGS OF METH AND
\$8,114 USC FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-710, IN LOS
ANGELES COUNTY. THE WHITTIER, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO A
LOCATION IN LOS ANGELES, CA, FROM ANOTHER LOCATION IN LOS ANGELES,
CA, IN HIS 1985 CHRYSLER LE BARON, BEARING CA PLATES. AN
INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH,
WHICH WAS LOCATED IN A COUPLE OF CASES, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK. THE
USC WAS FOUND ON THE SUBJECT.

ON MAY 20, AT 0310 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED 1 KG OF METH FROM TWO
MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5, IN YOLO COUNTY. THE TWO PASCO,
WASHINGTON (WA), RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO PASCO, WA, FROM LOS
ANGELES, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1991 FORD EXPLORER, BEARING WA
PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT.
AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO
THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE THE LEFT REAR
QUARTER PANEL.

ON MAY 20, AT 1210 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED 17.3 KGS OF COCAINE FROM
A MALE, TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-8, IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE
SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO ORANGE COUNTY, CA, FROM MEXICALI, MX, IN
HIS 1993 GEO FRISK, BEARING CA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE
VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND
INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT, BUILT INTO THE FLOOR OF THE VEHICLE.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT ..
WEEK ENDING 05/15/99

****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
LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL
LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S.
HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN
INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON
REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SEIZURES ARE INCLUDED IF THEY MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING
CRITERIA: FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE; ONE HUNDRED
(100) KGS OF MARIJUANA; TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN;
FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK; ONE (1) KILOGRAM (KG) OF
METHAMPHETAMINE (METH); AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000)
DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO
EPIC AND SATISFYING THE ABOVE CRITERIA SINCE THE LAST
HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

ON APRIL 16, AT 1600 HOURS, THE AUSTIN, TEXAS (TX), POLICE
DEPARTMENT (PD), SEIZED 1.7 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF
METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM TWO HISPANIC MALES, STOPPED ON A
RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN TRAVIS COUNTY. THE TWO DALLAS, TX,
RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1999 CHEVROLET LUMINA,
BEARING TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED
TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND UNDER THE REAR
SEAT.

ON APRIL 21, AT 1000 HOURS, THE OHIO (OH) STATE HIGHWAY PATROL (HP) SEIZED 5 KGS OF COCAINE AND \$32,000 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM TWO DOMINICAN MALES, TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-71. THE TWO NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK (NY), RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1991 CHEVROLET BLAZER, BEARING OH PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO COLUMBUS, OH, FROM NEW YORK CITY, NY. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT AND A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE AN ELECTRICAL FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE, UNDERNEATH THE FLOOR.

ON APRIL 23, THE EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO) SEIZED 162 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN EL PASO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A CUDAHY, CALIFORNIA (CA), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HORIZON CITY, TX, FROM SOCORRO, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 DODGE VAN, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN BURLAP SACKS, LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE.

THE WEST TX INTERLOCAL CRIME TASKFORCE (TF) IN ABILENE, TX, SEIZED 181 KGS OF MARIJUANA, ON APRIL 29, FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-20, IN MITCHELL COUNTY. IT WAS DETERMINED THAT THE DRIVER WAS MOST LIKELY AN INNOCENT COMMERCIAL TRUCK DRIVER TRANSPORTING THE LOAD FROM EL PASO, TX, TO FORT WORTH, TX. THE DRIVER WAS TOWING A VINTAGE STEAMROLLER WITH A TRACTOR/TRAILER, BEARING TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, FOUND INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT, BUILT INSIDE OF THE VINTAGE STEAMROLLER. THE REAR DRUM OF THE STEAMROLLER HAD A 6 INCH BY 6 INCH CUT OUT, IN ORDER TO INSERT THE MARIJUANA WITHIN THE FALSE COMPARTMENT.

THE IOWA (IA) STATE POLICE (SP) SEIZED 167 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO FEMALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80, IN POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY, ON MAY 3, AT 1511 HOURS. THE DRIVER, A TAYLOR, MICHIGAN (MI), RESIDENT, AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT

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OF ONTARIO, CANADA, WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1999 GMC YUKON, BEARING AZ PLATES. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO DETROIT, MI, FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA (AZ). A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT AND CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS WRAPPED IN 16 CELLOPHANE WRAPPED BUNDLES, LOCATED IN SIX DUFFEL BAGS ON THE BACK SEAT.

ON MAY 4, THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY SO, NORTH CAROLINA (NC), SEIZED \$297,930 USC FROM TWO MALES AND A FEMALE, TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95. THE MALE DRIVER, A HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA (FL), RESIDENT, MALE PASSENGER, A COOPER CITY, FL, RESIDENT, AND FEMALE PASSENGER, A COLOMBIAN NATIONAL, WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1998 CHEVROLET ASTRO VAN, BEARING FL PLATES. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO NY, FROM MIAMI, FL. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A BACKPACK, LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE RENTAL VAN.

ON MAY 5, THE SOUTH CAROLINA (SC) HP, SEIZED 554 GRAMS (GMS) OF CRACK FROM TWO MALES AND TWO FEMALES, TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-85, IN OCONEE COUNTY. THE FOUR STATESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA (NC), RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1987 PONTIAC, BEARING NC PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO STATESVILLE, NC, FROM ATLANTA, GA. AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CRACK, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE A PLASTIC BAG, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON MAY 6, THE CRITTENDEN COUNTY SO, ARKANSAS (AR), SEIZED \$175,889 USC FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-40. THE TWO BASALT, COLORADO (CO), RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO COLORADO, FROM MEMPHIS, TN, IN THE DRIVER'S 1993 PLYMOUTH VAN, BEARING CO PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE, A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A BOX, LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE VAN.

ON MAY 7, THE ILLINOIS (IL) SP SEIZED 170 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-57, IN EFFINGHAM COUNTY. THE LAVILLA, TX, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1996 KENWORTH TRACTOR, WITH TRAILER, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO DANVILLE, IL, FROM PHARR, TX. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND COMMINGLED WITH

ON MAY 7, AT 1630 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED 182 KGS OF MARIJUANA, FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5, IN ORANGE COUNTY. THE TWO VEHICLES WERE EN ROUTE TO SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA (CA), FROM SAN DIEGO, CA. THE SAN YSIDRO RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1982 CHEVROLET PICKUP, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED UNDERNEATH THE BED OF THE PICKUP TRUCK.

ON MAY 10, AT 0200 HOURS, THE 20TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT INTERDICTION TF, IN TENNESSEE (TN), SEIZED 20 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-24, IN DAVIDSON COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A MAYWOOD, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA (GA), FROM CA. THE SUBJECT WAS TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1990 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND IN NATURAL VOIDS, INSIDE THE ROCKER PANELS.

ON MAY 10, AT 1200 HOURS, THE ARIZONA (AZ) DPS SEIZED 908 GMS OF MEXICAN BLACK TAR HEROIN AND \$255 USC FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10, IN MARICOPA COUNTY. THE SOUTHGATE, CA, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN HIS 1995 DODGE INTREPID BEARING CA PLATES. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CA, FROM PHOENIX, AZ. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE HEROIN, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A

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ELECTRICAL FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED BEHIND THE PASSENGER-SIDE AIRBAG. THE USC WAS FOUND ON THE DRIVER.

ON MAY 11, AT 2058 HOURS, THE JIM WELLS COUNTY, TX; SO SEIZED 24 KGS OF MEXICAN BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 281. THE DRIVER, A RIO GRANDE CITY, TX, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN HIS 1990 FORD PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE HEROIN, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE HALF MOON-SHAPED METAL CONTAINERS, WELDED TO ALL FOUR TIRE RIMS ON THE VEHICLE.

ON MAY 12, AT 2149 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED 266 GMS OF MEXICAN BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN JOSE, CA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1979 DATSON 280, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE HEROIN, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE A SOCK, LOCATED IN A BOX RESTING ON THE CENTER CONSOLE.

THE CHICAGO, IL, POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD) SEIZED 251 KGS OF COCAINE, ON MAY 12, AT 1500 HOURS, FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-55, IN COOK COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM MERCEDES, TX, IN A 1991 FORD, BEARING IL PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE CARDBOARD BOXES. THE PACKAGES DISPLAYED THE FOLLOWING MARKINGS: A PICTURE OF YOSEMITE SAM, A PICTURE OF A KEY WITH "LALAVE" TO THE LEFT AND "DELEXITO" TO THE RIGHT, AND A PICTURE OF UNCLE SAM.

THE NC HP SEIZED \$500,362 USC AND \$140 OF COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY, ON MAY 12, AT 0800 HOURS, FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95, IN JOHNSTON COUNTY. THE TWO MIAMI, FL, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FL, FROM QUEENS, NY, IN A RENTED 1999 CADILLAC DEVILLE, BEARING FL PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE LUGGAGE, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON MAY 13, AT 2245 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 427 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A HISPANIC MALE, TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 83, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE EDINBURG, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO EDINBURG, TX, FROM ROMA, TX, IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1992 FREIGHT TRACTOR, TOWING AN AMERICAN GRAIN TRAILER. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT AND CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE FRONT PORTION OF THE AMERICAN GRAIN TRAILER.

OFFICER SAFETY ISSUES:

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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), 1 GRAM 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 SEIZURE REPORTS RECEIVED AT EPIC.

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SUBJECT: EPIC WEEKLY NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE
REPORT. FOR THE 1ST WEEK OF MAY 1999.

1. THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS FOR OFFICIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
USE ONLY AND SHOULD BE HANDLED AND PROTECTED ACCORDINGLY.

2. THIS REPORT PROVIDES GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT RECENT
METHAMPHETAMINE AND AMPHETAMINE CLANDESTINE LABORATORY
SEIZURES THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES. AS REPORTED TO EPIC. THIS
GENERAL INFORMATION MAY BE USEFUL TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES
WITH AN INTEREST IN TRACKING TRAFFICKING TRENDS.

3. TOTAL CY99 STATISTICS, INCLUDING ALL REPORTING TO EPIC, AS OF MAY 7,
1999, ARE SET FORTH BELOW. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT DISCREPANCIES
MAY EXIST BETWEEN THE NUMBERS COMPILED/REPORTED BY EPIC AND THE
NUMBERS MAINTAINED BY REPORTING OFFICES; SUCH DISCREPANCIES MAY
BE ATTRIBUTED TO LATE REPORTING TO EPIC OR FAILURE TO REPORT AT ALL.
PLEASE CONTACT EPIC TO RESOLVE ANY DISCREPANCIES THAT ARE NOTED.

STATE	SEIZURES	FINISHED PRODUCT AMT SEIZED IN GRAMS
ALABAMA	2	468
ALASKA		
ARIZONA	107	626.2
ARKANSAS	110	508.2
CALIFORNIA	40	18,295.3
COLORADO	39	282.8
CONNECTICUT		
DELAWARE		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
FLORIDA	1	
GEORGIA	2	
HAWAII		
IDAHO	44	210.3
ILLINOIS	27	377.8
INDIANA	1	25
IOWA	3	2.2
KANSAS	53	1,274
KENTUCKY	21	687
LOUISIANA	1	
MAINE		
MARYLAND		

-MASSACHUSETTS		
MICHIGAN		
MINNESOTA	17	305.1
MISSISSIPPI	6	34
MISSOURI	89	938.2
MONTANA	5	178
NEBRASKA	2	169.5
NEVADA	93	TBD
NEW HAMPSHIRE		
NEW JERSEY		
NEW MEXICO	22	185.1
NEW YORK		
NORTH CAROLINA	1	
NORTH DAKOTA	2	70
OHIO		
OKLAHOMA	103	3,040.2
OREGON	2	
PENNSYLVANIA	1	3
RHODE ISLAND		
SOUTH CAROLINA		
SOUTH DAKOTA		
TENNESSEE	21	379.1
TEXAS	25	897.1
UTAH	65	323.1
VERMONT		
VIRGINIA	2	2
WASHINGTON	8	56
WEST VIRGINIA	1	3
WISCONSIN		
WYOMING	4	7
TOTAL	920	29,347.2

4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DATA:

A. OF THE 920 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 387 RESULTED IN ACTUAL SEIZURES OF FINISHED PRODUCT.

B. OF THE 920 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 84 INDICATED THAT CHILDREN WERE PRESENT.

C. OF THE 920 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 497 WERE CONDUCTED/ASSISTED BY DEA. AND 423

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WERE STATE/LOCAL SEIZURES.

D. OF THE 920 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED. 901 RESULTED IN PRECURSORS SEIZED AT LABS.

E. THE LOCATIONS OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 74 COMMERCIAL. 12 INDUSTRIAL. 369 RURAL. 228 SUBURBAN. 222 URBAN. AND 15 WITH NO REPORTED LOCATION.

F. SYNTHESIS ROUTES OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 125 EPHEDRINE. 242 EPHEDRINE/PSEUDOEPHEDRINE. 228 LITHIUM. 291 PSEUDOEPHEDRINE. 4 P2P. AND 30 WITH NO REPORTED SYNTHESIS ROUTE.

6. CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN BE REPORTED TO THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER (EPIC) USING THE NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE REPORT (EPIC FORM 143). WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR LOCAL DEA OFFICE OR BY CALLING THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM.

7. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES. PLEASE CALL THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM TEAM AT [REDACTED] IF EPIC CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE. PLEASE CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM. THE POINTS OF CONTACT ARE [REDACTED]

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RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 05/01/99

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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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

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ON APRIL 5, AT 1438 HOURS, THE WASHINGTON (WA) STATE PATROL SEIZED 36 GRAMS (GMS) OF COCAINE AND 102 GMS OF BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM TWO MALES, TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON SR-97, IN YAKIMA COUNTY. THE TWO UNION GAP, WA, RESIDENTS, WERE TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1985 MERCURY COUGAR BEARING OR PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE HEROIN AND COCAINE, WHICH WERE FOUND INSIDE THE PASSENGER-SIDE DASHBOARD. AIR FRESHENERS WERE USED TO MASK THE ODORS.

ON APRIL 9, AT 1500 HOURS, THE LA JOYA POLICE DEPARTMENT, TEXAS (TX), SEIZED 317 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET. THE DRIVER, A HARGILL, TX, RESIDENT, WAS TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 FORD PICKUP BEARING TX PLATES. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE FROM HAVANA, TX, TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: INSIDE THE PICKUP'S BED TOOLBOX, BEHIND BOTH FRONT SEATS, ON THE PASSENGER-SIDE FLOORBOARD, AND IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP TRUCK.

ON APRIL 22, AT 0805 HOURS, THE COLORADO (CO) STATE PATROL SEIZED 306 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON CO-25, IN PUEBLO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A COLUMBUS, NEW MEXICO (NM), RESIDENT, WAS EN ROUTE FROM COLUMBUS, NM, TO BOULDER, CO, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 VOLKSWAGEN GOLF BEARING MEXICO (MX) PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS LOCATED INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT BUILT UNDERNEATH THE REAR SEAT OF THE VEHICLE.

THE TEXAS (TX) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED OVER 1 KG OF MARIJUANA, ON APRIL 23, FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 77, IN CAMERON COUNTY. THE HOUSTON, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE FROM BROWNSVILLE, TX, TO PASADENA, TX, IN A LEASED TRACTOR, WHICH WAS USED TO PULL HIS TRAILER. THE 1996 KENWORTH TRACTOR WAS BEARING FLORIDA (FL) PLATES, AND THE 1981 KARI KOOL TRAILER WAS BEARING TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS LOCATED IN THE TANKER TRAILER.

THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE (SP) SEIZED 1,250 GMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-25, IN COLFAX COUNTY, ON APRIL 23, AT 1723 HOURS. THE SAN LUIS, ARIZONA (AZ), RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN HIS 1987 BUICK STATION WAGON WITHOUT STATE TAGS. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE FROM PHOENIX, AZ, TO COLORADO SPRINGS, CO. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE 4 PACKAGES OF METH, WHICH WERE WRAPPED IN CLEAR BLUE PLASTIC, LOCATED WITHIN THE TAILGATE LINER OF THE VEHICLE.

ON APRIL 27, AT 0200 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED 11.5 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5, IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A TIGARD, OREGON (OR), RESIDENT, AND PASSENGER, A PORTLAND, OR, RESIDENT, WERE TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1987 FORD AEROSTAR VAN BEARING OR PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE COUPLE WAS EN ROUTE FROM SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA (CA), TO PORTLAND, OR. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE, AN INVENTORY SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE. LOCATED BEHIND THE REAR INTERIOR SIDE PANELS. SOAP AND DRYER SHEETS WERE USED TO MASK THE ODOR.

ON APRIL 27, THE ALABAMA (AL) DPS SEIZED \$110,468 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-65, IN AUTAUGA COUNTY. THE BIRMINGHAM, AL, RESIDENTS, WERE TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1984 FORD PICKUP TRUCK BEARING AL PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE TWO MALES WERE EN ROUTE FROM BIRMINGHAM, AL, TO MONTGOMERY, AL. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC. LOCATED IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, BUILT INSIDE THE CENTER CONSOLE.

ON APRIL 29, AT 0900 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$157,510 USC FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-35, IN KAY COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A KANSAS CITY, KANSAS (KS); RESIDENT, WAS TRAVELING IN HIS 1995 FORD CROWN VICTORIA BEARING KS PLATES. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE FROM KANSAS CITY, KS, TO MX. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, LOCATED BEHIND THE DASHBOARD OF THE VEHICLE.

ON APRIL 29, AT 1840 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 123 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO SUBJECTS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON FM 1016, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE DRIVER ABSCONDED, BUT THE PASSENGER, A MEXICAN NATIONAL, WAS APPREHENDED. THE TWO MALES WERE EN ROUTE FROM MCALLEN, TX, TO HIDALGO, TX, IN A 1997 CHEVROLET BLAZER BEARING MX PLATES. AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND UNDERNEATH A BLANKET. IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE VEHICLE.

CORRECTION:

THE WEEKLY TELETYPE ENDING ON 4/17/99 CONTAINS A MISPRINT FOR THE SEIZURE WHICH OCCURRED ON APRIL 12, AT 0642 HOURS, INVOLVING THE WEBSTER PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THE SEIZURE WAS OF 173 KGS OF MARIJUANA, NOT 173 GMS OF MARIJUANA.

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NORTH CAROLINA BUREAU OF INVEST/HIGHWAY PATROL
SUBJECT: EPIC

(ON PIPELINE);
INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS LOOKOUT REFLECTS CURRENT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS AND SENSITIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION. IT IS NOT TO BE RELEASED TO FOREIGN POLICE OR MILITARY AUTHORITIES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE ORIGINATOR, WHICH SHOULD BE COORDINATED THROUGH EPIC.

1. REFERENCE TELECON ON 042399 WITH [REDACTED], DEA HOUSTON DO REQUESTING AN NLETS LOOKOUT [REDACTED]
2. AGENCIES RECEIVING THIS MESSAGE PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN HIGHWAY INTERDICTION EFFORTS IN YOUR STATE.
3. REMARKS: DEA INFORMATION INDICATES THAT VEHICLE BEARING [REDACTED] WILL DEPART HOUSTON ON 04R ABOUT 042399 ENROUTE TO NEW YORK CITY. THE VEHICLE INVOLVED IS A GRAY 94 GRAND MARQUE, EQUIPPED WITH A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE TRUNK AREA DIRECTLY BEHIND THE REAR SEAT. THE VEHICLE IS TO CONTAIN 80 KILOS OF COCAINE OR AN UNKNOWN AMOUNT OF US CURRENCY. EXACT ROUTE OF TRAVEL UNKNOWN. EXACT ROUTE OF RETURN UNKNOWN. LOOKOUT EXPIRES ON 052399.

IF ENCOUNTERED PLEASE NOTIFY EPIC IMMEDIATELY [REDACTED] FOR INFORMATION ONLY

ANY ACTION OTHER THAN REQUESTED IS DISCRETIONARY. VEHICLE WILL BE DOCUMENTED IN NADDIS.

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PREPARED BY: [REDACTED], WATCH OFFICER
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ON MARCH 14, AT 0140 HOURS, THE POLK COUNTY, TX, SHERIFFS OFFICE (SO) SEIZED 530 GRAMS (GMS) OF CRACK COCAINE, \$3,600 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC), AND ONE WEAPON. A FEMALE DRIVER, AND TWO MALE PASSENGERS, WERE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 59, IN POLK COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A HAZELCREEK, IL. RESIDENT, AND PASSENGERS, WHO WERE HUNTSVILLE, AL. RESIDENTS, WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1990 (HEVY BEARING IL PLATES. AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CRACK COCAINE WHICH WAS FOUND NEAR THE PASSENGER'S SHIN AREA, AND IN A CLOTHES BAG IN THE TRUNK. THE .40 CALIBER GLOCK WAS FOUND UNDER THE DRIVER'S SEAT.

ON MARCH 22, AT 0945 HOURS, THE ARIZONA (AZ) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED 203 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO NATIVE AMERICAN MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON HWY 86, IN PINA COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A SELLS, AZ. RESIDENT, AND ONE PASSENGER, WHO WAS A CHANDLER, AZ. RESIDENT, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1993 FORD PICKUP BEARING AZ PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THEY WERE EN ROUTE FROM SELLS, AZ. TO AN UNDISCLOSED DESTINATION. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE, AND LOCATED IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP.

THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE (NM SP) SEIZED 120 KGS OF MARIJUANA, ON MARCH 24, AT 1230 HOURS, FROM A 17 YEAR OLD MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON SR-113, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE JUVENILE WAS EN ROUTE FROM PLATAS, NM, TO TUCSON, AZ. IN HIS 1988 CHEVROLET BEARING NM PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 3 LARGE BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA, LOCATED ON THE PASSENGER SIDE FLOOR.

ON MARCH 30, AT 1400 HOURS, THE MEMPHIS, TN, POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD) SEIZED \$177,000 USC FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-40, IN SHELBY COUNTY. THE TWO LA MESA, NH. RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE FROM NASHVILLE, TN, TO LA MESA, NH. IN A 1990 FORD F-250 BEARING NH PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS INSIDE A SUITCASE, LOCATED IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP TRUCK.

THE DELAWARE SP SEIZED \$100,000 USC FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-75, IN NEW CASTLE COUNTY, ON APRIL 8. THE PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY, (NJ), AND BRONX, NEW YORK (NY), RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1990 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL BEARING NY PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE BUNDLES OF CURRENCY, CONCEALED IN AN ELECTRONIC FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED WITHIN THE AIRBAG COMPARTMENT.

ON APRIL 8, AT 1730 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED 2 KGS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THE TWO SAN JOSE, CA. RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1991 FORD BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTING CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS LOCATED ON THE RIGHT FRONT FLOORBOARD.

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0437 USC FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN HOWARD COUNTY.
THE VAN NUYS, CA. RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE FROM LOS ANGELES, CA. TO
ALBUQUERQUE, NM. IN MID 1985 CADILLAC DEVILLE BEARING CA PLATES.
A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE
METH. WHICH WAS FOUND IN TWO ELECTRONICALLY-OPERATED COMPARTMENTS
LOCATED IN THE REAR QUARTER PANELS. UNDERNEATH THE LEFT AND RIGHT
REAR WINDOWS.

THE MD SP SEIZED 34 GRAMS OF HEROIN ON APRIL 10. AT 0115 HOURS.
FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-75 IN CECIL COUNTY. THE
DRIVER, A JERSEY CITY, NJ. RESIDENT. AND PASSENGER, A WHITEVILLE,
NC. RESIDENT, WERE TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1975 EAGLE TALON
BEARING NJ PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY
OF THE HEROIN, WHICH WAS INSIDE A BAG OF BREAD. HIDDEN BEHIND THE
GLOVE BOX.

ON APRIL 12, AT 0042 HOURS. THE WEBSTER PARISH SO. LA. SEIZED 173
GMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-20. THE
AMARVILLE, GEORGIA (GA). RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-
OWNED 1992 CHEVY LUMINA BEARING GA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER
OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO
THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON APRIL 13, AT 1030 HOURS. THE WEST CENTRAL TX TASKFORCE SEIZED
09.907,497 USC FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-20.
IN MITCHELL COUNTY. THE SUBJECT, A RESIDENT OF EL PASO, TX, WAS
EN ROUTE FROM CHICAGO, IL, TO EL PASO, TX. THE SUBJECT WAS
TRAVELING IN A COMMERCIAL 1994 KENWORTH TRACTOR. WITH 1994
FRUEHAUF TRAILER. BOTH OF WHICH WERE BEARING TX PLATES. A SEARCH
OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO
THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC. WHICH WAS FOUND COMMINGLED WITH THE
OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF INSTANT SOUP.

ON APRIL 14, THE LINCOLN CITY SO, SEIZED 5 KGS OF COCAINE. 2
KGS MARIJUANA, AND 01,300 USC FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING
NORTHBOUND ON I-35, IN LINCOLN CITY COUNTY, MS. THE
JACKSONVILLE, ALABAMA (AL). AND TUSCALOOSA, AL. RESIDENTS
WERE EN ROUTE FROM HOUSTON, TX, TO ATLANTA, GA. IN A RENTED
1997 FORD EXPLORER BEARING TX PLATES. A DRUG-DETECTION
CANINE ALERT AND CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE
DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND, WHICH WAS INSIDE A COOLER
LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE SPORTS-UTILITY VEHICLE.

THE TX DPS SEIZED 102 KGS OF MARIJUANA ON APRIL 10. AT 1515 HOURS.
FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 04. IN SCURRY
COUNTY, TX. THE RIO RICO, AZ. RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A RENTED
1998 CHEVY PICKUP WITH CAMPER SHELL. BEARING AZ PLATES. A SEARCH
OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS
FOUND INSIDE THREE LARGE BOXES. LOCATED IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP.

ON APRIL 19, AT 1400 HOURS. THE TX DPS SEIZED 5 KGS OF COCAINE.
AND 2 KGS OF MEXICAN BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM A MALE TRAVELING
EASTBOUND ON I-30, IN HOPKINS COUNTY, TX. THE MAHOMETAN, IL.
RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN HIS 1984 MERCURY BEARING IL PLATES.
THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE FROM MEXICO, TO CHICAGO, IL. A CONSENSUAL
SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND,
WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE FIREWALL AND HEATER CORE OF THE VEHICLE.

ON APRIL 19, AT 1830 HOURS. THE NM SP SEIZED 37 KGS OF COCAINE AND
ONE WEAPON FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-25, IN COLFAX
COUNTY, NM. THE SUBJECT, A RESIDENT OF EL PASO, TX, WAS EN ROUTE
FROM EL PASO, TX, TO DENVER, COLORADO (CO). THE SUBJECT WAS
TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1994 CHRYSLER NEW YORKER BEARING TX
PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A
SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WRAPPED
IN CELLOPHANE AND FOUND IN HIDDEN COMPARTMENTS LOCATED BEHIND AND
UNDER THE REAR SEAT. AND IN THE TRUNK. A 9MM GLOCK WAS ALSO FOUND
INSIDE A PIECE OF LUGGAGE. LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON APRIL 20, THE IL SP SEIZED 130 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A
COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80, IN BUREAU COUNTY, IL.
THE TWO ROCHESTER, NY. RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE FROM SAN
DIEGO, CA. TO ROCHESTER, NY. IN A RENTED 1997 BUICK CENTURY
BEARING CA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE
DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS INSIDE A SUITCASE
LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

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0896 TX DEA EL PASO 04/23/99
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NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE
NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE
NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE
NEW YORK STATE POLICE
FINAL SECTION OF THREE SECTIONS

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NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL NORTHERN COMMAND
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NEVADA STATE DIV OF INVEST (NARCOTICS)
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE
NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE

SECTION ONE OF THREE SECTIONS.

SUBJECT: OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
OPERATION CONVOY

HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 04/16/99

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ON MARCH 11, AT 1615 HOURS, THE HOUSTON, TX, POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD) SEIZED 62 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN HARRIS COUNTY. THE SUBJECT, A RESIDENT OF HOUSTON, WAS IN A RENTED 1995 NISSAN ALTIMA BEARING TX PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 31 PACKAGES OF COCAINE, WRAPPED IN PLASTIC, BROWN PACKAGING TAPE, AND HEAT-SEALED CLEAR PLASTIC BAGS, FOUND IN TWO BOXES LOCATED IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK. THE PACKAGES WERE MARKED WITH EITHER THE LETTERS "B" OR "N", HANDWRITTEN WITH A BLACK MARKER.

ON MARCH 24, AT 1030 HOURS, THE OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL (OH SHP) SEIZED 11 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A DOMINICAN MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-70, IN FRANKLIN COUNTY. THE LONG ISLAND, NEW YORK (NY), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO COLUMBUS, OH, FROM NEW YORK CITY IN A RENTED 1993 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER MINIVAN BEARING NEW JERSEY (NJ) PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 11 PACKAGES OF COCAINE, WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC, GRAY DUCT TAPE, AND CLEAR PLASTIC, IN THE VEHICLE'S GAS TANK. ACCESS WAS GAINED WHEN THE MIDDLE SEAT WAS TILTED FORWARD, REVEALING A WIRE USED TO PULL UP THE TRAP DOOR IN THE VAN'S FLOOR. THE DOOR ACCESSED A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE FRONT ONE-THIRD OF THE GAS TANK.

THE INDIANA STATE POLICE (IN SP) SEIZED 633 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE, ON MARCH 30, AT 1403 HOURS, FROM A BLACK COUPLE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-65, IN SCOTT COUNTY. THE COUPLE WAS EN ROUTE TO LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY (KY), FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (IL), IN A RENTED 1998 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO BEARING KY PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 5 ZIPLOCK BAGS INSIDE A GROCERY BAG LOCATED IN THE DRIVER'S-SIDE QUARTER PANEL, BETWEEN THE TRUNK CARDBOARD LINING AND THE BODY OF THE VEHICLE.

ON APRIL 5, AT 0837 HOURS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL (KS HP) SEIZED 460 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70, IN LINCOLN COUNTY. THE MESA, ARIZONA (AZ), AND TUCSON, AZ, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO POSSIBLY NY FROM TUCSON IN A U-HAUL TRUCK RENTED OUT OF TEMPE, AZ. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE AND CONTACT PAPER, IN 5 WOODEN CONTAINERS LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE TRUCK.

THE IL SP SEIZED \$148,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY (USC) FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-80, IN HENRY COUNTY, AT 1152 HOURS, ON APRIL 7. THE BEREA, OHIO (OH), RESIDENT WAS ENROUTE TO DAVENPORT, IOWA (IA), FROM CLEVELAND, OH, IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1983 CHEVROLET BEARING OH PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF BUNDLES OF CURRENCY, SEALED IN CELLOPHANE, AND ATTACHED TO THE SPRINGS IN THE REAR SEAT.

ON APRIL 7, AT 1355 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (TX DPS) SEIZED 124 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 83 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE CAMARGO, TAMAULIPAS, MEXICO (MX), RESIDENT, WHO SUBSEQUENTLY FLED ON FOOT, WAS IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1988 FORD CROWN VICTORIA BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A RESIDENT OF GARCIAVILLE, TX, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON MARCH 7, AT 1935 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 189 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 83 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE MIGUEL ALEMAN, TAMAULIPAS, MX, RESIDENT WAS ENROUTE TO PALMVIEW, TX, FROM GARCENO, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1994 MERCURY MARQUIS BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A RESIDENT OF RIO GRANDE CITY, TX, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

THE TX DPS SEIZED 6 KGS OF COCAINE ON APRIL 9, AT 0636 HOURS, FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 281 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE MEXICO CITY, MX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TX, FROM MEXICO CITY IN HIS 1998 NISSAN ALTIMA BEARING MX PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE IN A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT WITHIN THE VEHICLE'S ROCK PANELS.

ON APRIL 9, AT 0805 HOURS, THE KIMBLE COUNTY, TX, SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO) SEIZED 109 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10. THE SUBJECT, WHO SUBSEQUENTLY FLED ON FOOT, WAS IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1988 FORD VAN BEARING MINNESOTA (MN) PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA IN THE VAN (NFI).

ON APRIL 9, AT 0825 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA (OK) HP SEIZED \$230,750 USC FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING ON I-40 EASTBOUND IN BECKHAM COUNTY. THE SUBJECT, A RESIDENT OF SPRINGHILL, FLORIDA (FL), WAS EN ROUTE TO SPRINGHILL FROM TUCSON, AZ, IN A RENTED 1999 SOUTHWINDS MOTORHOME BEARING FL PLATES. FOLLOWING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, THE CURRENCY WAS DISCOVERED UNDER THE BED IN THE MOTORHOME.

ON APRIL 9, THE MISSOURI (MO) HP SEIZED 953 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM 2 U.S. CITIZEN MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44, IN LAWRENCE COUNTY. THE PHOENIX, AZ, AND GLENDALE, AZ, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN (MI), FROM NOGALES, AZ, IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1993 PETERBILT TRUCK TRACTOR AND TRAILER, BOTH BEARING AZ PLATES. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT AND CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 28 BOXES CONTAINING MARIJUANA COMMINGLED WITH A LEGITIMATE LOAD OF EGGPLANT, CUCUMBERS, AND TOMATOES.

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
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ON FEBRUARY 25, AT 0938 HOURS, THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL (UT HP) SEIZED 200 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF MARIJUANA FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15, IN IRON COUNTY. THE TUCSON, ARIZONA (AZ), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ENGLEWOOD, OHIO (OH), FROM TUCSON. THE SUBJECT WAS TOWING HIS 1990 HOMEMADE AUTOMOBILE TRANSPORTER TRAILER WITH HIS 1989 FORD F-350 PICKUP TRUCK, BOTH BEARING OH PLATES. THE TRAILER WAS CARRYING A 1994 TOYOTA PICKUP TRUCK WITH AZ PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE TOYOTA PICKUP TRUCK WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF A LARGE FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE BED OF THE TOYOTA PICKUP TRUCK, WHICH WAS EMPTY. A CONTINUED SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA CONCEALED IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, WHICH WAS THE WIDTH AND LENGTH OF THE FLATBED TRAILER. ACCESS TO THE COMPARTMENT

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SP 84837

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (TX DPS) SEIZED 1.9 KGS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) ON FEBRUARY 27, AT 1120 HOURS, FROM TWO WHITE MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN OLDHAM COUNTY. THE INDIANA (IN) RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO PRINCETON, IN, FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA (CA), IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1991 BUICK SEDAN BEARING IN PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, ALSO A PRINCETON RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT TO THE RIGHT AND LEFT REAR QUARTER PANELS OF THE VEHICLE, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH CONCEALED IN THE BUICK'S QUARTER PANELS.

ON FEBRUARY 27, AT 1730 HOURS, THE FLORENCE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (SC), SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO) SEIZED 10.2 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-95. THE DRIVER, A DOMINICAN RESIDENT OF NEW YORK, NEW YORK (NY), AND THE PASSENGER, A PUERTO RICAN RESIDENT OF MIAMI, FLORIDA (FL), WERE EN ROUTE TO NY FROM MIAMI IN THE DRIVER'S 1992 FORD EXPLORER BEARING FL PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF AN ELECTRONICALLY-CONTROLLED FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE REAR CARGO AREA OF THE EXPLORER. THE METAL FLOOR OF THE CARGO AREA HAD BEEN CUT OPEN TO CREATE AN ACCESS PLATE TO THE NATURAL COMPARTMENT BENEATH. THE PLATE WAS OPENED BY THE USE OF HYDRAULICS, EXPOSING A COMPARTMENT THREE FEET WIDE BY TWO FEET LONG. FIFTEEN PACKAGES OF UNMARKED COCAINE, WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE, WERE FOUND SECRETED IN THE FALSE COMPARTMENT.

THE SOCORRO, TX, POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD) SEIZED 436 KGS OF

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SECTION TWO OF FOUR SECTIONS

COCAINE ON MARCH 5, AT 1841 HOURS, FROM A HISPANIC U.S. CITIZEN. THE SUBJECT WAS DETAINED FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION ON HORIZON BOULEVARD, WHILE OPERATING A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1988 FORD AEROSTAR VAN BEARING TX PLATES. THE COCAINE WAS EN ROUTE TO EL PASO FROM SOCORRO. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, AN EL PASO RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT ON THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, UNDER A BLANKET, IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE VAN.

ON MARCH 7, AT 1007 HOURS, THE EL PASO, TX, PD SEIZED 7 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING ON GATEWAY EAST, A FRONTAGE ROAD THAT PARALLELS I-10 EASTBOUND, IN EL PASO COUNTY. THE CIUDAD JUAREZ, MEXICO (MX), RESIDENTS WERE IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1983 OLDSMOBILE CIERA WITH CHIHUAHUA, MX, PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF SIX PACKAGES OF COCAINE, WRAPPED IN FOIL AND CLEAR CELLOPHANE, FOUND IN THE MAN-MADE FLOOR COMPARTMENT AND THE TRUNK OF THE BUICK.

ON MARCH 7, AT 1325 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED 66,240 DOSAGE UNITS (DU'S) OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE FROM TWO MEXICANS TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-5, IN YOLO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF JARDINES, LAMESA, TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA NORTE, HX, AND THE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF SANTA ANA, CA, WERE EN ROUTE TO SANTA ANA FROM PORTLAND, OREGON (OR), IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1991 NISSAN SENTRA BEARING CA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, ALSO A SANTA ANA RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 500 BOTTLES OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, WHICH WERE CONCEALED IN BEER CASES, LOCATED IN THE NISSAN'S TRUNK.

THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE (IL SP) SEIZED 133 KGS OF MARIJUANA ON MARCH 7, AT 1555 HOURS, FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80, IN LASALLE COUNTY. THE PHOENIX, AZ, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM PHOENIX IN A RENTED 1999 FORD SEDAN WITH AZ PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE BACKSEAT AND TRUNK OF THE FORD.

ON MARCH 8, AT 1130 HOURS, THE ZAPATA COUNTY, TX, SO SEIZED 210 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 83. THE TAMAILIPAS, REYNOSA, MX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNDETERMINED LOCATION FROM SAN YGNACIO, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1983 FORD PICKUP TRUCK WITH TX PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE 179 PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA, WRAPPED IN CLEAR CELLOPHANE, WERE FOUND IN PLAIN VIEW IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP TRUCK.

THE NEW JERSEY (NJ) SP SEIZED 183 KGS OF MARIJUANA, ON MARCH 9, AT 0800 HOURS, FROM A CUBAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND IN THE JERSEY CITY AREA, IN HUDSON COUNTY. THE UNION CITY, NJ, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NJ FROM EL PASO, TX, IN A 1984 GMC CABOVER TRACTOR TRUCK TOWING A 48-FOOT REFRIGERATED TRAILER (NFI), BOTH WITH UTAH (UT) PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 100 PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA, WRAPPED IN DUCT TAPE, COMMINGLED WITH A SHIPMENT OF COTTON BALES, LOCATED IN THE FORWARD SECTION OF THE TRAILER.

THE AZ DPS SEIZED 1,135 GRAMS OF METH, 196 KGS OF MARIJUANA, AND \$3,035 IN U.S. CURRENCY (USC) FROM A MEXICAN COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 160, IN APACHE COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A BILLINGS, MONTANA (MT), RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A PHOENIX, AZ, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO COLORADO (CO) FROM PHOENIX IN THE DRIVER'S 1990 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN BEARING TEMPORARY MT PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH AND MARIJUANA IN THE CARGO AREA, COVERED BY A BLANKET. THE USC WAS FOUND DURING A SEARCH OF THE DRIVER.

ON MARCH 9, AT 1150 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED 120,960 DU'S OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10, IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SUBJECT, A RESIDENT

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SECTION THREE OF FOUR SECTIONS

OF CHICAGO, IL, WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CA, FROM PHOENIX, AZ, IN A RENTED 1999 BUICK BEARING AZ PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 84 CASES OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

ON MARCH 10, AT 0833 HOURS, THE AZ D'S SEIZED 403 KGS OF MARIJUANA ON SR-86 EASTBOUND, IN PIMA COUNTY, FROM A HISPANIC FEMALE. THE SUBJECT, A RESIDENT OF SELLS, AZ, WAS EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX, AZ, FROM TOPAWA, AZ, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1989 GMC PICKUP TRUCK BEARING AZ PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE MARIJUANA WAS DISCOVERED IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP TRUCK, IN PLAIN VIEW, AT THE TIME OF THE TRAFFIC STOP.

ON MARCH 10, AT 1000 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED 4,735 GRAMS OF METH FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON HWY 99, IN STANISLAUS COUNTY. THE MODESTO, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO TURLOCK, CA, FROM MODESTO IN HIS 1994 FORD TEMPO BEARING CA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WRAPPED IN A PLASTIC BAG, SECRETED INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED BEHIND THE BACKSEAT.

ON MARCH 10, AT 1205 HOURS, THE MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (TN), PD SEIZED 6 KGS OF COCAINE AND 454 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM A WHITE COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN SHELBY COUNTY, ALONG WITH FOUR MALES IN AN ESCORT VEHICLE. THE LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (NV) COUPLE WAS TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1998 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO WITH NV PLATES. ONE OF THE OCCUPANTS IN THE ESCORT VEHICLE, A RENTED 1998 FORD TAURUS WITH FL PLATES, WAS ALSO A RESIDENT OF LAS VEGAS; ONE WAS A RESIDENT OF HENDERSON, NV; THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF FONTANA, CA, AND OWNER OF A TRUCKING COMPANY; WHILE THE FOURTH OCCUPANT OF THE ESCORT VEHICLE HAD NO

RESIDENCE IDENTIFIED. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE AND HEROIN, SOME WRAPPED IN FOIL AND DUCT TAPE, AND SOME WRAPPED IN WOOD-GRAINED CONTACT PAPER, IN THE REAR QUARTER PANELS OF THE MONTE CARLO. THE PACKAGES OF COCAINE HAD A PICTURE OF A HOG INSIDE A TRIANGLE (ALL IN RED) AND THE WORD "LEXUS". NUMEROUS RECEIPTS AND RECORDS FOUND IN THE FORD TAURUS INDICATED THAT IT WAS TRAVELING WITH THE MONTE CARLO. THE RECEIPTS FOUND WERE FROM THE TRUCKING COMPANY OWNED BY THE DRIVER OF THE ESCORT VEHICLE. THE RECEIPTS INDICATED SEVERAL PURCHASES OF 8 TIRES FOR VARIOUS TRUCKS.

THE CHP SEIZED 1,370 GRAMS OF METH, ON MARCH 10, AT 1711 HOURS, FROM THREE HISPANIC MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON SR-152, IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THE CA RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN JOSE, CA, FROM THE MODESTO/MERCED AREA IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1990 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH CA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, AN ATWATER, CA, RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THREE MOIST POUNDS OF METH, WHICH WAS CONCEALED IN THE NATURAL CAVITY BEHIND THE RIGHT REAR SPEAKER IN THE VEHICLE.

THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL (MO HP) SEIZED 2,992 KGS OF MARIJUANA ON MARCH 10, AT 1845 HOURS, FROM AN IRANIAN MALE ON I-44 EASTBOUND, IN GREENE COUNTY. THE MARIJUANA WAS DISCOVERED AMONG A LOAD OF DRIED PEPPERS IN A TRAILER (NFI) BEING TOWED BY A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1991 FREIGHTLINER TRUCK TRACTOR BEARING TX PLATES. THE 700 BOXES OF DRIED PEPPERS WERE PACKAGED IN THE SAME MANNER AS THE 81 BOXES OF MARIJUANA. THE SUBJECT, A RESIDENT OF LONG BEACH, CA, IS NOT A LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT OF THE U.S. [REDACTED] HIM AS ENTERING THE U.S. ORIGINALLY AS A NON-IMMIGRANT VISITOR FOR PLEASURE AND LISTS HIM AS A DEPORTABLE ALIEN IN THE DEPORTABLE ALIEN CONTROL SYSTEM (DACS). THE OWNER OF THE TRUCK TRACTOR WAS NOT PRESENT. THE MARIJUANA WAS EN ROUTE TO WILMINGTON, IL, FROM FT. WORTH, TX. FABRIC SOFTENER SHEETS, POWDERED DETERGENT, AND SOME TYPE OF LUBRICANT WERE USED AS MASKING AGENTS FOR THE MARIJUANA.

ON MARCH 13, AT 0902 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED OVER 17 KGS OF METH AND \$1,300 USC FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15, IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SOUTH

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GATE, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN-ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM SOUTH GATE IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1993 DODGE INTREPID WITH CA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A CICERO, IL, RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 27 PACKAGES OF METH IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

DEA GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA (NC), IDENTIFIED THE USE OF EXIDE AUTOMOBILE BATTERIES IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF COCAINE FROM THE TX/MX BORDER INTO HOUSTON, TX, WITH A FINAL DESTINATION OF THE ALAMANCE COUNTY, NC, AREA. ON THE OUTSIDE, THE 12-VOLT BATTERY APPEARED TO BE A NORMAL, FACTORY-BUILT BATTERY. THE INSIDE HAD A SEPARATE FIBERGLASS COMPARTMENT LOCATED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE BATTERY. THE COMPARTMENT USUALLY CONTAINED 2 KGS OF COCAINE, WHICH WERE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY WIRE. THE SPACE ON THE SIDE, BETWEEN THE COCAINE AND FIBERGLASS CASE, WAS FILLED WITH RESIN. THE BATTERY WOULD OPERATE A VEHICLE FOR A FEW DAYS SINCE THE TOP OF THE BATTERY CONTAINED ACID. DETECTION OF THESE BATTERIES WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE FROM THE OUTSIDE. THE COCAINE WAS REPORTEDLY INSERTED AT THE TIME OF MANUFACTURE.

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), 1 GRAM 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 SEIZURE REPORTS RECEIVED AT EPIC.

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 03/06/99

****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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SEIZURES ARE INCLUDED IF THEY MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE; ONE HUNDRED (100) KGS OF MARIJUANA; TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN; FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK; ONE (1) KILOGRAM (KG) OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH); AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC AND SATISFYING THE ABOVE CRITERIA SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

ON FEBRUARY 12, AT 1615 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (TX DPS) SEIZED 197 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF MARIJUANA FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 83, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE SAN JUAN, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PHARR, TX, FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TX. IN HIS 1997 FORD PICKUP TRUCK BEARING TX PLATES. THE CONTRABAND WAS IN PLAIN VIEW IN THE CAB OF THE PICKUP TRUCK. THE SUBJECT TOLD AUTHORITIES THAT HE WAS TO BE PAID \$1,000 FOR TRANSPORTING THE CONTRABAND.

ON FEBRUARY 17, AT 0100 HOURS, THE TX PANHANDLE REGIONAL NARCOTICS TASK FORCE SEIZED 53 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN POTTER COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RIO RICO, ARIZONA (AZ), RESIDENT, AND THE PASSENGER, A HERMOSILLO, SONORA, MEXICO (MX) RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA (OK), FROM TUCSON, AZ, IN A RENTED 1989 MAZDA VAN BEARING AZ PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS CONCEALED IN THE SIDE PANELS OF THE VAN.

THE TX DPS SEIZED 229 KGS OF MARIJUANA, ON FEBRUARY 23, AT 1845 HOURS, FROM A HISPANIC FEMALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 83, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE ZAPATA, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO McALLEN, TX, FROM ZAPATA IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 DODGE INTREPID WITH TX PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A HOUSTON, TX, RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS LOCATED ON THE FLOORBOARD IN THE BACKSEAT, AND IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

A MEXICAN MALE WAS APPREHENDED SUBSEQUENT TO A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE HE WAS DRIVING ON FEBRUARY 25, AT 2015 HOURS, BY THE TX DPS. THE TAMAULIPAS, MX, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 83, IN HIDALGO COUNTY EN ROUTE TO EDINBURG, TX, FROM LA JOYA, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1991 GEO METRO BEARING TX PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE

VEHICLE, A RIO GRANDE CITY, TX, RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 118 KGS OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED UNDER TARPS IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK, BACKSEAT AND PASSENGER FRONT SEAT.

ON FEBRUARY 26, AT 0830 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (AZ DPS) SEIZED 1,814 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING ON I-40 EASTBOUND, IN MOHAVE COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA (CA), RESIDENT, AND THE PASSENGER, A SAN PEDRO, CA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO KINGMAN, AZ, FROM LONG BEACH, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1989 DODGE VAN WITH CA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, WHO RESIDED WITH THE PASSENGER IN SAN PEDRO, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF ONE LARGE PACKAGE OF METH, WHICH WAS WRAPPED IN A CELLOPHANE BAGGIE, CONCEALED IN THE VAN'S HEADLINER.

THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL (UT HP) SEIZED 1,347 GRAMS OF

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METH FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING ON I-15 NORTHBOUND, IN BEAVER COUNTY, ON FEBRUARY 26, AT 1235 HOURS. THE PARK CITY, UT. RESIDENT, AN ILLEGAL ALIEN AND FORMERLY A RESIDENT OF SANTA CLARA, CA, WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CA, FROM SALT LAKE CITY, UT, IN HIS 1990 CHEVROLET VAN BEARING A TEMPORARY UT PLATE. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, LAYERED WITH GREASE BETWEEN TWO SHEETS OF CELLOPHANE, LOCATED BEHIND THE SPEAKER IN A NATURAL CAVITY IN THE DOOR. LAUNDRY DETERGENT WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

ON MARCH 2, AT 0730 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE (IL SP) SEIZED \$135,000 U.S. CURRENCY (USC) FROM A BLACK MALE TRAVELING ON I-55 NORTHBOUND, IN MCLEAN COUNTY. THE SUBJECT, A RESIDENT OF WASHINGTON, DC, WAS TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1999 DODGE INTREPID BEARING MISSOURI (MO) PLATES EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM ST. LOUIS, MO. THE MAJORITY OF THE CURRENCY, \$129,000, WAS FOUND IN A BACKPACK LOCATED WITHIN A SWEATER BOX IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE REMAINING CURRENCY WAS FOUND IN A BLACK BAG ON THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT.

ON MARCH 2, AT 1100 HOURS, THE VIRGINIA (VA) SP SEIZED 635 GRAMS OF HX BROWN HEROIN, IN PELLET FORM (56), AND 2.4 KGS OF COCAINE HCl, FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING ON

U.S. 13 SOUTHBOUND, IN NORTHAMPTON COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS, RESIDENTS OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK (NY), NEWARK, NEW JERSEY (NJ), AND NEW YORK CITY, WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1993 FORD ECONOLINE VAN BEARING NY PLATES. FOLLOWING A WRITTEN CONSENSUAL SEARCH, TROOPERS NOTED SEVERAL FORMS OF MASKING ODORS THROUGHOUT THE VAN, SEVERAL RUBBER GLOVES IN THE DRIVER'S LUGGAGE, AND A SCREWDRIWER LOCATED ON THE UPPER SHELF NEXT TO THE FACTORY-INSTALLED TELEVISION SET. A FIBER-OPTIC SCOPE WAS UTILIZED TO EXAMINE THE AREA BEHIND THE TELEVISION AND THE PLASTIC BAG OF HEROIN PELLETS AND KGS OF COCAINE WERE DISCOVERED.

THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED FOUR 20-LITER CANISTERS OF PYRIDINE (A PRECURSOR FOR PCP) ON MARCH 2, FROM TWO BLACK MALES TRAVELING ON I-10 WESTBOUND, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS, RESIDENTS OF SAN PEDRO, CA, AND COMPTON, CA, WERE EN ROUTE TO COMPTON FROM HOUSTON, TX. THE CANISTERS OF PYRIDINE WERE DISCOVERED ON THE BACK SEAT OF THE PASSENGER'S 1985 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS BEARING TX PLATES.

ON MARCH 2, AT 1330 HOURS, THE SOUTH CAROLINA (SC) HP SEIZED 140.7 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A HISPANIC FEMALE TRAVELING ON I-25 NORTHBOUND, IN OCONEE COUNTY. THE SUBJECT, A JUVENILE FROM CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA (NC), WAS EN ROUTE TO CHARLOTTE FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA (GA). IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1991 CHEVROLET ASTRO VAN WITH NC PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, AN ASHEBORO, NC, RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. THE CONTRABAND, WHICH WAS IN PLASTIC BAGS AND PARTIALLY COVERED BY A RUG, WAS LOCATED IN THE VAN'S REAR CARGO AREA IN PLAIN VIEW.

ON MARCH 2, AT 1920 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 333 KGS OF MARIJUANA ON U.S. 83 EASTBOUND, IN HIDALGO COUNTY, FROM A MEXICAN MALE IN POSSESSION OF A BORDER CROSSING CARD. THE

SUBJECT, A RESIDENT OF NUEVA CIUDAD GUERRERO, MX, WAS TRAVELING IN A 1984 FORD PICKUP TRUCK BEARING MX PLATES. DURING AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, THE MARIJUANA WAS DISCOVERED ON THE BACK SEAT AND IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP TRUCK. THE DRIVER FAILED TO STOP FOR THE PURSUING MARKED TX DPS VEHICLE AND DROVE INTO A CANAL.

ON MARCH 5, AT 0344 HOURS, THE WARREN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI (MS), SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO) SEIZED 312 KGS OF MARIJUANA, 5.7 KGS OF COCAINE, AND A .45 CALIBER BERETTA, ON I-20 EASTBOUND FROM TWO BLACK MALES. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF RIVERIDGE, LOUISIANA (LA), AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF HATTIESBURG, MS, WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, LA, OR JACKSON, MS, POSSIBLY FROM CA. THEY WERE TRAVELING IN A LEASED 1996 VOLVO TRUCK TRACTOR TOWING A 1999 GREAT DANE REFRIGERATED TRAILER, BOTH BEARING LA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE DRUGS.

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INSIDE DUFFEL BAGS. THE DUFFEL BAGS WERE VISIBLE IMMEDIATELY-UPON OPENING THE REAR DOORS OF THE REFRIGERATED TRAILER. THE TRAILER WAS LOADED WITH LETTUCE. SEVERAL SEALS WERE FOUND IN THE TRUCK TRACTOR. THE SEAL ON THE TRAILER DOOR SHOWED SIGNS OF HAVING BEEN TAMPERED WITH.

ON MARCH 5, AT 1600 HOURS. THE TX DPS SEIZED 4.8 KGS OF METH FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING ON I-35E NORTHBOUND, IN ELLIS COUNTY. THE GRAND PRAIRIE, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TX, FROM BROWNSVILLE, TX, WHEN HE WAS DETAINED FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE BACK SEAT OF A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1983 FORD PICKUP TRUCK BEARING TX PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT.

THE TX DPS SEIZED \$129,363 ON MARCH 5, AT 1135 HOURS, FROM A MEXICAN MALE, NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZEN, TRAVELING ON I-30 WESTBOUND IN ROCKWALL COUNTY. THE CHICAGO, IL, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MCALLEN FROM CHICAGO IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1992 KENWORTH TRUCK TRACTOR TOWING A 1997 TRANSCRAFT TRAILER, BOTH BEARING IL PLATES. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED ON THE SLEEPER AREA OF THE TRUCK TRACTOR WHERE THE MONEY WAS FOUND IN A BACKPACK UNDER THE SLEEPER BED.

THE TX DFS SEIZED 465 KGS OF COCAINE ON MARCH 5, AT 1530 HOURS; ON U.S. 291 NORTHBOUND, IN HIDALGO COUNTY, FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING TO DALLAS, TX, FROM MCALLEN, TX. THE DANVILLE, VA, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1993 KENWORTH TRUCK TRACTOR BEARING IL PLATES TOWING A 1994 UTILITY REFRIGERATED TRAILER BEARING TX PLATES. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO THE REAR OF THE TRAILER. THE CARTONS OF COCAINE WERE FOUND AMONG A LOAD OF BOXED GRAPEFRUIT.

ON MARCH 5, AT 1635 HOURS, THE SEATON, TX, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 3.6 KGS OF METH ON U.S. 84 EASTBOUND, IN LUBBOCK COUNTY, FROM A HISPANIC MALE, THE DEL RIO, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO AMARILLO, TX, FROM MCALLEN IN A RENTED 1979 DODGE 4-DOOR BEARING TX PLATES. THE METH WAS DISCOVERED UNDER THE REAR PASSENGER SEAT OF THE AUTOMOBILE.

ON MARCH 6, AT 1605 HOURS, THE TL SP SEIZED 125 KGS OF MARIJUANA, \$32,276 USC, A LOADED SMITH AND WESSON .38 CALIBER REVOLVER, AND 17 GRAMS OF METH FROM A WHITE COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80, IN LASALLE COUNTY. THE TUCSON, AZ, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO FT. WAYNE, INDIANA (IN), FROM TUCSON IN A RENTED 1999 MERCURY MARQUIS BEARING AZ PLATES. A REQUEST FOR A CONSENSUAL SEARCH RESULTED IN THE DRIVER NOTIFYING THE OFFICER THAT THERE WAS A LOADED WEAPON IN THE PASSENGER COMPARTMENT OF THE VEHICLE. A FURTHER SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WRAPPED IN CONTACT PAPER, LOCATED IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK AND BACKSEAT. AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE DRIVER'S PURSE REVEALED A PLASTIC BAGGIE, WHICH CONTAINED THE METH. THE LOCATION OF THE SEIZED CURRENCY WAS UNCLEAR.

ON MARCH 6, AT 1330 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED 2.5 KGS OF METH FROM TWO HISPANIC MALES AND A HISPANIC FEMALE TRAVELING ON I-505 NORTHBOUND IN SOLANO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A MEXICAN MALE FROM YAKIMA, WASHINGTON (WA), WAS OPERATING

A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1986 FORD VAN BEARING WA PLATES. THE MALE PASSENGER, BORN IN LOS ANGELES, WAS A RESIDENT OF WAPATO, WA. THE FEMALE PASSENGER, BORN IN WASHINGTON STATE, WAS ALSO A RESIDENT OF YAKIMA. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH WITHIN THE SPARE TIRE OF THE VEHICLE LOCATED IN THE REAR CARGO AREA. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE DID NOT ALERT ON THE TIRE, BUT A STETHOSCOPE TEST CONFIRMED THE PRESENCE OF THE PACKAGES IN THE TIRE. THE METH PACKAGES, ALONG WITH 22 ROLLS OF TOILET TISSUE WERE FOUND WITHIN THE TIRE. THE TIRE FELT HEAVY WHEN LIFTED, BUT NO MOVEMENT WAS DETECTED. MAYONNAISE, CLOVES, COFFEE, AND GREASE WERE USED AS

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RE: EPIC SPECIAL [REDACTED] HIGHWAY
INTERDICTION OF BULK U.S. CURRENCY

1. THE INFORMATION IN THIS TELETYPE IS DERIVED FROM MULTISOURCE/MULTIAGENCY INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT EPIC. THE INFORMATION IS DEA SENSITIVE AND SHOULD BE HANDLED ACCORDINGLY. THIS UNSOLICITED TELETYPE UPDATES THE EPIC SPECIAL REPORT [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] IT REPORTS ON THE CONTINUING TREND TOWARDS LARGER SEIZURES OF U.S. CURRENCY WHILE THERE ARE FEWER INCIDENTS BEING REPORTED. IN PARTICULAR, CURRENCY SEIZURES ON I-75 AND I-95 ARE EXAMINED IN THIS TELETYPE AS AN UPDATE FOR THE ABOVE CITED REPORT.

2. SINCE [REDACTED] WAS PUBLISHED IN MID-1998, NATIONWIDE CURRENCY SEIZURE AMOUNTS HAVE CONTINUED TO RISE. IN CALENDAR YEAR (CY) 1997, APPROXIMATELY \$63 MILLION WAS SEIZED, WHILE IN CY98, \$86 MILLION WAS SEIZED. THIS YIELDED A 37-PERCENT INCREASE IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF CURRENCY SEIZED BY AGENCIES PARTICIPATING IN OPERATIONS PIPELINE AND CONVOY.

3. NATIONWIDE CURRENCY SEIZURES DESTINED FOR FLORIDA: THE REPORT ALSO STATED THAT THE INCREASE IN CURRENCY AMOUNTS BEING SEIZED WAS MORE PRONOUNCED WHEN SEIZURES OF U.S. CURRENCY (USC) DESTINED FOR FLORIDA, FROM CY95 - CY97, WERE CONSIDERED. DURING THAT TIME FRAME, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INCIDENTS DESTINED FOR FLORIDA INCREASED 65 PERCENT, WHILE THE AMOUNT OF CURRENCY BEING SEIZED INCREASED 115 PERCENT. THIS TREND HAS CONTINUED. IN CY97, THERE WERE 101 TOTAL SEIZURES OF USC, AS COMPARED TO CY98, WHEN 76 SEIZURES TOOK PLACE. THIS WAS A DECREASE OF 25 PERCENT. IN CY97, \$12.36 MILLION WAS SEIZED. HOWEVER, IN CY98, \$17.4 MILLION WAS SEIZED, WHICH WAS ULTIMATELY DESTINED FOR FLORIDA. THIS WAS AN INCREASE OF ALMOST 41 PERCENT. THE AVERAGE LOAD OF CURRENCY FOR CY 97 WAS \$122.000. WHEREAS CY98 WAS \$229.000.

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4. NATIONWIDE BULK CURRENCY SEIZURES DESTINED FOR FLORIDA: THE TREND TOWARDS FEWER SEIZURE INCIDENTS OF LARGER AMOUNTS OF USC IS FURTHER SUPPORTED WHEN BULK CURRENCY SEIZURES OVER \$100,000, DESTINED FOR FLORIDA, ARE EXAMINED. IN CY97, \$11.04 MILLION WAS SEIZED IN 45 INCIDENTS. IN CY98, THERE WERE 39 SEIZURES, TOTALLING \$16.34 MILLION. THIS AGAIN SHOWED A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS, ABOUT 13 PERCENT, WHILE THE AMOUNT OF CURRENCY SEIZED INCREASED BY 48 PERCENT. THE AVERAGE LOAD OF CURRENCY IN CY97 WAS \$245,000, WHILE IN CY98, THE AVERAGE LOAD WAS \$419,000. THIS WAS AN INCREASE OF 70 PERCENT.

5. CURRENCY SEIZURES ON SOUTHBOUND I-75 AND I-95: AS [REDACTED] CURRENCY SEIZURES ALONG THE TWO PRIMARY NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDORS IN THE EASTERN UNITED STATES (I-75 AND I-95) ROSE DURING THE TIME FRAME OF CY95 - CY97. IN CY97 \$15.92 MILLION WAS SEIZED IN 118 INCIDENTS. BY COMPARISON, IN CY98, THERE WERE 118 SEIZURES TOTALLING \$18.5 MILLION, MADE ON THE SOUTHBOUND LANES OF BOTH INTERSTATES. THIS WAS AN INCREASE OF 16 PERCENT. THE AVERAGE LOAD IN CY97 WAS \$135,000, AS COMPARED TO \$157,000 IN CY98 - AN INCREASE OF 14 PERCENT.

6. BULK CURRENCY SEIZURES ON SOUTHBOUND I-75 AND I-95: THIS TREND IS EQUALLY APPARENT WHEN BULK CURRENCY SEIZURES OF \$100,000 OR MORE, DESTINED SOUTHBOUND ON I-75 AND I-95 ARE EXAMINED. IN CY97, THERE WERE 39 SEIZURES TOTALLING \$14.08 MILLION. IN CY98, THERE WERE 40 SEIZURES, TOTALLING \$16.6 MILLION. THERE WAS A SLIGHT (2 PERCENT) INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SEIZURES, BUT THERE WAS A MARKED INCREASE OF OVER 18 PERCENT IN THE AMOUNT OF CURRENCY SEIZED. THE AVERAGE LOAD OF CURRENCY IN CY97 WAS \$361,000. CY98'S AVERAGE LOAD INCREASED BY 34 PERCENT, TO \$415,000. BULK CURRENCY SEIZURE AMOUNTS IN CY97 COMPRISED 88 PERCENT OF ALL CURRENCY SEIZURES ON BOTH I-75 AND I-95. IN CY98, BULK SEIZURE AMOUNTS ACCOUNTED FOR 90 PERCENT OF ALL CURRENCY SEIZED IN CY98 ON I-75 AND I-95.

7. ALTHOUGH TARGETING ORDERS HAVE EXPIRED, SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY REPORT (SAR) AND CURRENCY TRANSACTION REPORT (CTR) REQUIREMENTS, COMBINED WITH EMPHASIS ON 'KNOW YOUR CUSTOMER' RULES IN THE BANKING INDUSTRY HAVE CONTINUED. IT

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IS PROBABLE THAT SOME TRAFFICKERS STILL FEAR INCREASED SCRUTINY AT FINANCIAL FACILITIES THEY MIGHT OTHERWISE USE. AND THE PAPER TRAIL THEY WOULD LEAVE. AND CHOOSE TO MOVE BULK CURRENCY ON THE HIGHWAYS. IT IS ALSO PROBABLE, DESPITE LAW ENFORCEMENT SUCCESSES IN INTERDICTION. THAT TRAFFICKERS FEEL SECURE USING PRIVATE AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION TO FACILITATE BULK CURRENCY TRANSFERS. IN OTHER WORDS, THEY ARE WILLING TO ACCEPT THE LEVEL OF LOSSES THEY HAVE SEEN ON THE HIGHWAYS. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS THAT THE INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRANSFER OF PROCEEDS. DUE TO CULTURAL PREFERENCES OR HABITS, MAY BE MORE COMFORTABLE MAINTAINING PERSONAL CONTROL RATHER THAN TRUSTING COMPUTER TRANSFER AND BANK OR WIRE TRANSFER FACILITIES.

8. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS. ADDITIONAL VIEW POINTS OR DATA AND REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ARE WELCOMED, AND SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO [REDACTED], CHIEF, EPIC RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, [REDACTED] EPIC RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, [REDACTED]

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 02/27/99

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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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SEIZURES ARE INCLUDED IF THEY MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE, ONE HUNDRED (100) KGS OF MARIJUANA, TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN, FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK, ONE (1) KILOGRAM (KG) OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH), AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC AND SATISFYING THE ABOVE CRITERIA SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

ON FEBRUARY 12, AT 1456 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (TX DPS) SEIZED 677 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING ON I-20 EASTBOUND, IN PARKER COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A WESTLAND, MICHIGAN (MI), RESIDENT, AND THE PASSENGER, A JUAREZ, MEXICO (MX), RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA (PA), OR MI FROM EL PASO, TX, IN A COMMERCIAL 1988 KENWORTH TRUCK TRACTOR, PULLING A 1980 BLACK DIAMOND TRAILER, BOTH BEARING TX PLATES. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND IN CARDBOARD BOXES COMMINGLED WITH CARGO IN THE TRAILER.

ON FEBRUARY 15, AT 1610 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED 4,540 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING ON I-15 SOUTHBOUND, IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY, THE FALLBROOK, CALIFORNIA (CA)

RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO UPLAND, CA, FROM TEMECULA, CA, IN HIS 1994 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK BEARING CA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH IN A BUCKET, WHICH WAS LOCATED ON THE RIGHT-FRONT-FLOORBOARD OF THE PICKUP TRUCK.

THE CONWAY, ARKANSAS (AR), POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 1.7 KGS OF METH FROM A WHITE COUPLE TRAVELING ON I-40 EASTBOUND, IN FAULKNER COUNTY, ON FEBRUARY 18, AT 1558 HOURS. THE DRIVER, A STAUNTON, VIRGINIA (VA), RESIDENT, AND THE PASSENGER, A FISHERVILLE, VA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO STAUNTON FROM LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (NV), IN A 1997 FORD U-HAUL VAN WITH TENNESSEE (TN) PLATES. ANOTHER WHITE MALE, ALSO A STAUNTON, VA, RESIDENT, WAS ESCORTING THE COUPLE IN HIS 1995 CHEVROLET BLAZER S-10 WITH VA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN A SUITCASE LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE U-HAUL VAN.

THE WEST MEMPHIS, AR, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED \$156,970 IN U.S. CURRENCY (USC) FROM A BLACK MALE TRAVELING ON I-40 WESTBOUND, IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ON FEBRUARY 18, AT 1800 HOURS. THE SUBJECT, A RESIDENT OF CLEVELAND, OHIO (OH), WAS EN ROUTE TO TX FROM CLEVELAND IN A RENTED 1998 LINCOLN TOWNCAR BEARING OH PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY, WHICH WAS CONCEALED WITHIN A COMPARTMENT IN THE REAR SEAT.

ON FEBRUARY 19, AT 1230 HOURS, THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL (MO HP) SEIZED 2,270 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A BLACK MALE TRAVELING ON I-44 EASTBOUND, IN GREEN COUNTY. THE

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MARIJUANA WAS DISCOVERED, FOLLOWING A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, IN A 1988 UTILITY TRAILER, BEARING TX PLATES. THE CONTRABAND WAS COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF BOTTLED BEVERAGES (ARIZONA ICED TEA). A 1983 KENWORTH TRUCK TRACTOR, ALSO BEARING TX PLATES, WAS TOWING THE TRAILER. THE SUBJECT, A RESIDENT OF DALLAS, TX, WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM LAREDO, TX.

ON FEBRUARY 21, AT 1115 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 202 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A WHITE COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 83, IN STARR COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A HOUMA, LOUISIANA (LA), RESIDENT, AND THE PASSENGER, A PROSTITUTE, WERE EN ROUTE TO PHARR, TX; HOUSTON, TX; AND POSSIBLY NEW YORK (NY), FROM ROMA, TX, IN A 1989 INTERNATIONAL TRUCK TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND CONCEALED WITHIN THE SLEEPER MATTRESS.

ON FEBRUARY 22, AT 0445 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 11 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO BLACK MALES TRAVELING ON I-20, EASTBOUND, IN HARRISON COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A NEW ORLEANS, LA, RESIDENT, AND THE PASSENGER, A FORT WORTH, TX, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO SHREVEPORT, LA, FROM FORT WORTH, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1997 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK BEARING LA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, ALSO A NEW ORLEANS RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND, WHICH WAS CONCEALED, WHICH WAS CONCEALED IN THE REAR PANELS OF THE EXTENDED CAB. THE COCAINE WAS COVERED WITH OIL AND GREASE, AND WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC.

THE TX DPS SEIZED 857 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A WHITE COUPLE TRAVELING ON U.S. 77 NORTHBOUND, IN SAN PATRICIO COUNTY, ON FEBRUARY 22, AT 0900 HOURS. THE WINTER GARDEN, FLORIDA (FL), COUPLE WAS EN ROUTE TO ORLANDO, FL, FROM HARLINGEN, TX, IN THEIR 1987 CHEVROLET TRAVEL MASTER MOTORHOME BEARING FL PLATES.

ON FEBRUARY 22, AT 0900 HOURS, THE MO HP SEIZED 7 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A BLACK MALE TRAVELING ON I-44 EASTBOUND, IN LAWRENCE COUNTY. THE HOUSTON, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO EAST SAINT LOUIS, MO, FROM HOUSTON, IN A 1997 DODGE EXTENDED CAB, WITH A STEEL FLATBED, DUAL WHEEL PICKUP TRUCK WITH TX PLATES. FOUR OTHER BLACK MALES, IN A 1995 CHEVROLET TAHOE SPORTS UTILITY VEHICLE, ACCOMPANIED HIM.

ON FEBRUARY 22, AT 1000 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS (IL) STATE POLICE SEIZED 2.5 KGS OF METH FROM A WHITE COUPLE TRAVELING ON I-70 EASTBOUND, IN MADISON COUNTY. THE FONTANA, CA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM FONTANA IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1986 HONDA SEDAN WITH CA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A RESIDENT OF ELMONTE, CA, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH UNDER THE REAR SEAT. ACCESS WAS GAINED THROUGH THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

THE ALABAMA (AL) MOTOR CARRIER DIVISION SEIZED 105 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO WHITE MALES TRAVELING ON I-10 EASTBOUND, IN BALDWIN COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF DOTHAN, AL, AND THE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF WESTVILLE, FL, WERE EN ROUTE TO ASHFORD, AL, FROM EL RASO, TX, IN A 1993 VOLVO TRUCK TRACTOR, TOWING A 1996 GREAT DANE TRAILER, BOTH BEARING AL PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA IN BOXES COMMINGLED WITH A LEGITIMATE LOAD OF SANDWICH SUPPLIES FOR SUBWAY, INC.

THE CHP SEIZED 5 KGS OF METH FROM A HISPANIC COUPLE AND

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THEIR CHILDREN TRAVELING ON I-5 NORTHBOUND, IN GLEN COUNTY, ON FEBRUARY 23, AT 0930 HOURS. THE WAPATO, WASHINGTON (WA), RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO YAKIMA, WA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN THEIR 1992 VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT WITH WA PLATES.

ON FEBRUARY 23, AT 1715 HOURS, THE NEBRASKA (NE) STATE PATROL SEIZED 5 KGS OF COCAINE AND 146 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING ON I-80 EASTBOUND, IN HAMILTON COUNTY. THE BETTENDORF, IOWA (IA), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO BETTENDORF FROM EL PASO, TX, IN A 1987 FORD VAN. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE AND 111 KGS OF MARIJUANA ON THE VAN'S FLOOR. AN ADDITIONAL 54 KGS OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND IN A COMPARTMENT IN THE VEHICLE'S ALTERED GAS TANK. THIS SEIZURE LED TO THREE SUBSEQUENT CONTROLLED DELIVERIES.

THE CHP SEIZED 3,785 GRAMS OF METH OIL AND APPROXIMATELY 13 KGS OF METH FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING ON I-40 EASTBOUND, IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, ON FEBRUARY 24, AT 0820 HOURS. THE FAYETTEVILLE, AR, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO FAYETTEVILLE FROM MERCED, CA, IN HIS 1999 NISSAN PATHFINDER WITH AR PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH IN THE SUBJECT'S LUGGAGE. THE METH OIL WAS FOUND IN A RED PLASTIC FUEL CONTAINER LOCATED ON THE RIGHT FRONT FLOOR OF THE PATHFINDER.

ON FEBRUARY 24, AT 1607 HOURS, TX DPS SEIZED 141 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING ON I-35 NORTHBOUND, IN COMAL COUNTY. THE CRYSTAL CITY, TX, RESIDENT, WAS EN ROUTE TO SAN MARCOS, TX, FROM EAGLE PASS, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 PONTIAC SEDAN WITH TX PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A SAN ANTONIO, TX, RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE FRONT AND BACK SEATS, AS WELL AS IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON FEBRUARY 24, AT 1620 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED \$10,000 USC AND APPROXIMATELY 43 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A HISPANIC COUPLE TRAVELING ON SR-99 NORTHBOUND, IN KERN COUNTY. THE FRESNO, CA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO FRESNO FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 FORD TAURUS WITH CA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT.

ON FEBRUARY 25, AT 1000 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 101 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM FOUR HISPANIC MALES TRAVELING IN TWO SEPARATE VEHICLES ON FM 1053 NORTHBOUND, IN CRANE COUNTY. THE ANDREWS, TX, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO WICHITA, KANSAS (KS), FROM PRESIDIO, TX, IN A 1991 LINCOLN AND A 1994 DODGE PICKUP TRUCK, BOTH WITH TX PLATES. THE OWNERS OF THE VEHICLES WERE NOT PRESENT.

THE DODGE PICKUP TRUCK AS HAVING ENTERED THE U.S. FROM MX WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE SEIZURE. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA IN THE TRUNK OF THE LINCOLN.

THE ANAHEIM, CA, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 18 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MEXICAN MALE GOING EASTBOUND ON PARK STREET, ON FEBRUARY 25, AT 1300 HOURS. THE MX RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO BELLFLOWER, CA, FROM CERRITOS, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED CHEVROLET MALIBU WITH CA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A CERRITOS RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT.

THE COLORADO STATE PATROL (CO SP) SEIZED 330 GRAMS OF MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN AND 340 GRAMS OF COCAINE ON FEBRUARY 26, AT 1030 HOURS, FROM TWO HISPANIC MALES TRAVELING ON

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I-70 EASTBOUND IN MESA COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (NV), AND THE PASSENGER, A MEXICAN MALE ILLEGALLY IN THE U.S., WERE EN ROUTE TO COLORADO SPRINGS, CO, FROM LAS VEGAS. THE DRUGS WERE FOUND WITHIN THE ORIGINAL BATTERY, WHICH HAD BEEN SEALED WITH BLACK CAULKING. TWO WIRES, CONNECTED TO THE ORIGINAL BATTERY POSTS, WERE ALSO CONNECTED TO A MOTORCYCLE BATTERY IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT, WHICH WAS USED AS ELECTRICAL POWER FOR THE VEHICLE. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1996 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE BEARING NV PLATES. A SUBSEQUENT CONTROLLED DELIVERY LED TO A TOTAL OF FIVE SUBJECTS ARRESTED ON FELONY CHARGES.

ON FEBRUARY 26, AT 1600 HOURS, THE GEORGIA STATE PATROL (GA SP) SEIZED 80 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A TRACTOR-TRAILER ON I-85 NORTHBOUND IN TROUP COUNTY. TROOPERS WERE RETURNING FROM A COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE TRAINING SESSION HELD IN FORSYTH, GA, WHEN THEY STOPPED THE TRACTOR-TRAILER FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THE DRIVER GAVE BOTH VERBAL AND WRITTEN CONSENT TO SEARCH THE 1998 PETERBILT TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES. THE TRAILER WAS A 1991 UTILITY REFRIGERATED UNIT WITH MAINE PLATES. A WHITE MALE, RESIDENT OF SAN BENITO, TX, WAS DRIVING THE TRACTOR-TRAILER, ACCOMPANIED BY A WHITE FEMALE, RESIDENT OF LINDALE, TX. THEY WERE EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GA, FROM MCALLEN, TX. THE TRAILER WAS LOADED WITH PRODUCE. APPROXIMATELY 63 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE WERE FOUND IN THE AIR BREATHER UNITS ON THE TRACTOR. ONE KILOGRAM OF COCAINE WAS FOUND IN THE STACK VENT OF ONE OF THE BREATHERS.

[REDACTED] THE DRIVER TRANSPORTED THE MARIJUANA FROM WESLACO/MCALLEN, TX, AREA ON U.S. 281 NORTHBOUND. HE STOPPED SOUTH OF THE U.S. BORDER PATROL CHECKPOINT LOCATED IN FALFURRIAS, TX, AND REMAINED AT A RESTAURANT, OR OTHER ESTABLISHMENT, UNTIL THE CHECKPOINT CLOSED DOWN. OTHER TRUCKERS (POSSIBLY ON CB CHANNEL 19) WOULD NORMALLY ALERT HIM WHEN THE CHECKPOINT WAS CLOSED AND IT WAS SAFE TO PASS THROUGH. THE DRIVER BELIEVED THAT ONCE HE HAD PASSED ALICE, TX, HE WOULD BE SAFE FROM BEING STOPPED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL. THE DRIVER OF THE TRACTOR-TRAILER INDICATED THAT FROM U.S. 281 NORTHBOUND HE WOULD TRAVEL ON I-10 EASTBOUND TO MOBILE, AL; ON I-65, NORTHBOUND TO MONTGOMERY; AND FINALLY I-85 NORTHBOUND EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GA. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT HE HAD MADE AT LEAST TWO TRIPS TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (IL), TRANSPORTING MARIJUANA IN THE SAME MANNER. HIS ROUTING FOR TRAVEL TO IL WAS ON U.S. 281 NORTHBOUND; TO I-37 NORTHBOUND INTO SAN ANTONIO, TX; TO I-37 NORTHBOUND, TOWARDS LITTLE ROCK, AR; TO I-40 EASTBOUND INTO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (TN); AND FINALLY TO I-55 NORTHBOUND INTO CHICAGO, IL.

ON FEBRUARY 26, AT 1837 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 50 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A BLACK MALE TRAVELING ON U.S. 59 NORTHBOUND IN PANOLA COUNTY. THE COCAINE WAS DISCOVERED, FOLLOWING A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, IN A FALSE FLOOR COMPARTMENT IN THE CARGO AREA OF A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1999 FORD TAURUS STATION WAGON BEARING MICHIGAN (MI) PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A DETROIT, MI, RESIDENT WAS NOT PRESENT. THE SUBJECT, ALSO A DETROIT RESIDENT, WAS EN ROUTE TO DETROIT FROM HOUSTON, TX. THE PACKAGES OF COCAINE BORE THE PICTURE OF THE CARTOON CHARACTER 'YOSEMITE SAM' AND THE WORD 'CORDOS.'

ON FEBRUARY 26, AT 2023 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 110 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A BLACK FEMALE TRAVELING ON I-30 EASTBOUND, IN HOPKINS COUNTY. THE MEMPHIS, TN, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MEMPHIS FROM DALLAS, TX, IN A RENTED 1999 HONDA ACCORD BEARING TX PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

THE FREER, TX, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 26 KILOGRAMS OF

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COCAINE ON FEBRUARY 27, AT 1200 HOURS, FROM A HISPANIC
COUPLE TRAVELING ON U.S. 59 NORTHBOUND, IN DUVAL COUNTY.
THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF NUEVO LAREDO, TAMAULIPAS, MX,
AND THE FEMALE, A RESIDENT OF LAREDO, TX, WERE BROTHER
AND SISTER, EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TX, FROM LAREDO. THE
COCAINE WAS FOUND WITHIN THE GAS TANK OF A PRIVATELY-
OWNED 1989 FORD PICKUP TRUCK BEARING TX PLATES. THE
OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, ALSO A RESIDENT OF NUEVO LAREDO,
WAS NOT PRESENT. THE VEHICLE AS ENTERING THE U.S. FROM MX WITHIN THE 24 HOURS
PRECEDING THE SEIZURE.

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AT THIS TIME, IT IS UNKNOWN IF THE
CANS WERE IN A SEPARATE COMPARTMENT OR SITTING LOOSE IN
THE GAS TANK. ONE CAN CONTAINED APPROXIMATELY NINE
POUNDS OF HEROIN. THE CAN SIZE IS UNAVAILABLE AT THIS
TIME. THE REMAINING THREE CANS CONTAINED AN UNKNOWN
SUBSTANCE THAT FIELD-TESTED POSITIVE FOR METH, HAD THE
CONSISTENCY OF THIN WOOD PUTTY, WAS FLESH IN COLOR, AND
HAD A VERY STRONG ACIDIC ODOR. INSPECTORS HAD SYMPTOMS
SUCH AS STOMACH PAINS, DIZZINESS, AND DRY MOUTH. SIX
INSPECTORS REPORTED SYMPTOMS, THREE OF WHOM RECEIVED
MEDICAL ATTENTION AT A LOCAL HOSPITAL, AND WERE THEN
RELEASED. THE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL WAS SUBSEQUENTLY
SECURED IN SEALED METAL DRUMS.

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), 1 GRAM 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 SEIZURE REPORTS RECEIVED AT EPIC.

IF EPIC CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, AT [REDACTED] OR VIA TELETYPE. POC IS [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]

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INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS LOOKOUT REFLECTS CURRENT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS AND SENSITIVE SOURCES OF INFORMATION. IT IS NOT TO BE RELEASED TO FOREIGN POLICE OR MILITARY AUTHORITIES WITHOUT PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE ORIGINATOR, WHICH SHOULD BE COORDINATED THROUGH EPIC.

1. REFERENCE TELECON ON 030599, WITH [REDACTED] BALTIMORE, MD, REQUESTING AN NLETS LOOKOUT ON [REDACTED] (VA).
2. AGENCIES RECEIVING THIS MESSAGE PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN HIGHWAY INTERDICTION EFFORTS IN YOUR STATE.
3. REMARKS: [REDACTED] INDICATES THAT AN INTERNATIONAL TRUCK TRACTOR, FADED RED OR BURGUNDY, BEARING THE COMPANY NAME T AND MR TRUCKING INC, MARTINSVILLE, VA, ON THE CAB, AND POSSIBLY BEARING (VA) REGISTRATION [REDACTED] IS DUE TO DEPART LOS ANGELES, CA AREA ON 03/05-06/99 DESTINED FOR NEW YORK CITY, NY, WITH PROBABLE STOPS IN CLEVELAND, OH AND BALTIMORE, MD., [REDACTED] THAT 15-30 LBS OF COCAINE WILL BE CONCEALED IN THE TRAILER, POSSIBLY BETWEEN THE PALLETS OF THE LOAD. SHOULD YOUR AGENCY CONTACT THIS VEHICLE AND OPERATOR, IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT THE EXACT SOURCE AND NATURE OF THIS INFORMATION NOT BE DISCLOSED IN ORDER TO PRESERVE ACTIVE AND ONGOING INVESTIGATIONS.
4. LOOKOUT EXPIRES ON: 031999.
5. FOR INFORMATION ONLY. ANY ACTION OTHER THAN REQUESTED IS DISCRETIONARY.
6. VEHICLE WILL BE DOCUMENTED IN NADDIS.

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SUBJECT: HIGHWAY INTERDICTION TRENDS CY98 FOR
COURTIERS AND LOAD VEHICLES
PIPELINE OPERATION INTERSTATE
EPIC POSTSEIZURE ANALYSIS

REF: (A)

THE INFORMATION IN THIS TELETYPE IS DERIVED FROM
MULTISOURCE/MULTIAGENCY INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN
RECEIVED AT EPIC. THE INFORMATION IS DEA SENSITIVE AND
SHOULD BE HANDLED ACCORDINGLY. THIS UNSOLICITED TELETYPE
CONCERNS THE SEIZURE OF DRUGS AND RELATED PROCEEDS ON
HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES BY STATE
AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. EACH OF THESE
SEIZURES OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF A TRAFFIC STOP OR
LICENSE AND WEIGHT INSPECTION. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT
REPORTING FOR CY98 CONTINUES TO ARRIVE AT EPIC.
DISCUSSION HEREIN FOR CY98 IS BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED
AT EPIC AS OF 1/21/99. THIS BULLETIN WILL CONTINUE THE
DISCUSSION INITIATED IN REF (A), ADDRESSING OCCUPANTS OF
THE LOAD VEHICLES, DRIVERS, AND THE SPECIFIC MAKES AND
MODELS OF THE LOAD VEHICLES INVOLVED IN SEIZURE ACTIVITY.

1. LOAD VEHICLE OCCUPANTS

DURING CY98, THE LARGEST NUMBER OF LOAD VEHICLES (43
PERCENT) WERE OCCUPIED BY A LONE MALE (1M) FOLLOWED BY A
MALE DRIVER TRAVELING WITH A MALE PASSENGER (2M, 25
PERCENT). THESE PERCENTAGES VARIED SLIGHTLY IN CY97 WHEN
THEY WERE 41 PERCENT FOR 1M AND 26 PERCENT FOR 2M. THERE
WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE IN CY98 (6 PERCENT) FOR THE NUMBER
OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING VEHICLES OCCUPIED BY A LONE FEMALE
(17) OVER CY97 (5.5 PERCENT). THE 1M LOAD VEHICLES
TRANSPORTED THE MAJORITY OF MARIJUANA (55 PERCENT),
COCAINE (59 PERCENT) AND ALMOST HALF THE U.S. CURRENCY
(47 PERCENT) AS WELL AS HEROIN (35 PERCENT) AND
METHAMPHETAMINE (METH, 39 PERCENT) SEIZED IN CY98.
COUPLES WERE MOST LIKELY TO TRANSPORT HEROIN (17 PERCENT)
OR METH (19 PERCENT) FOLLOWED BY CURRENCY (15 PERCENT) OR
MARIJUANA (11 PERCENT). THE 2M LOAD VEHICLES TRANSPORTED
30 PERCENT OF THE METH.

2. DRIVER SEX

IN CY98 (89 PERCENT) AND CY97 (89.5 PERCENT), THE MAJORITY OF THE INCIDENTS INVOLVED A MALE DRIVER. THERE WAS A SLIGHT INCREASE (ONE-HALF PERCENT) IN THE PERCENTAGE OF INCIDENTS INVOLVING A FEMALE DRIVER IN CY98 (11 PERCENT) COMPARED TO CY97 (10.5 PERCENT).

3. DRIVER AGE

THE AGE OF THE DRIVER VARIED GREATLY, RANGING FROM 15 YEARS OF AGE (YOA) TO 75 YOA IN CY98 AND 14 YOA TO 74 YOA IN CY97. DURING BOTH REPORTING PERIODS, THE AGE GROUP MOST FREQUENTLY INVOLVED AND RESPONSIBLE FOR THE TRANSPORTATION OF THE MAJORITY OF DRUGS AND RELATED CURRENCY, WERE 20-29 YOA (45 PERCENT BOTH YEARS) AND 30-39 YOA (28 PERCENT IN CY97 AND 27 PERCENT IN CY98).

4. DRIVER NATIONALITY

THE NATIONALITY OF THE DRIVERS INVOLVED IN OPERATION PIPELINE/CONVOY SEIZURES WAS IDENTIFIED IN 37 PERCENT OF THE SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC IN CY98 AND 41 PERCENT IN CY97. WHEN REPORTED, THE MAJORITY INVOLVED U.S. CITIZENS (52 PERCENT CY98 VS 49 PERCENT CY97) OR MEXICAN NATIONALS (36.5 PERCENT CY98 VS 37 PERCENT CY97).

IN EXAMINING CY98 SEIZURE DATA, THE MAJORITY OF DRUGS AND RELATED CURRENCY, WERE FOUND IN LOAD VEHICLES BEING DRIVEN BY FOREIGN NATIONALS. PERCENTAGES SEIZED FROM U.S. AND FOREIGN NATIONALS FOR CY98 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

U.S. NATIONALS	INCIDENTS: 52 PERCENT
	MARIJUANA: 49 PERCENT
	COCAINE: 39 PERCENT
	HEROIN: 24 PERCENT
	METH: 25 PERCENT
	USC: 25 PERCENT

FOREIGN NATIONALS*	INCIDENTS: 48 PERCENT
	MARIJUANA: 51 PERCENT
	COCAINE: 61 PERCENT
	HEROIN: 74 PERCENT

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METH: 75 PERCENT

USC: 75 PERCENT

IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT ALTHOUGH U.S. NATIONAL DRIVERS TRANSPORTED THE MINORITY OF CONTRABAND, THEY WERE TWICE AS LIKELY TO BE ARMED, FOREIGN NATIONAL DRIVERS WERE ARMED IN 4 PERCENT OF THE SEIZURE INCIDENTS COMPARED TO 8 PERCENT FOR U.S. NATIONAL DRIVERS. (*ANALYST NOTE: ALTHOUGH 75 PERCENT OF THE FOREIGN NATIONAL DRIVERS WERE FROM MEXICO, THE OTHER 25 PERCENT WAS COMPRISED OF AN ADDITIONAL 41 FOREIGN NATIONALITIES)

5. DRIVER RESIDENCE

THE MAJORITY OF THE DRIVERS WERE FROM THE STATES IDENTIFIED AS POINTS OF ORIGIN AND DESTINATION FOR DRUGS AND CURRENCY IN REF (A)... FOR BOTH CY98 (61 PERCENT) AND CY97 (66 PERCENT); THE DRIVERS WERE RESIDENTS OF ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, FLORIDA, ILLINOIS, NEW YORK, AND TEXAS.

THE NEXT MOST ACTIVE GROUP IN CY98 (13 PERCENT) WERE RESIDENTS OF GEORGIA, LOUISIANA, MICHIGAN, NORTH CAROLINA, NEW MEXICO, AND OHIO. THE REMAINDER INVOLVED RESIDENTS OF 51 DIFFERENT STATES, LOCATED IN THE U.S., CANADA, AND MEXICO.

6. LOAD VEHICLE MAKES AND MODELS IN CY98

THE TOP TEN AUTOMOBILE MODELS USED AS LOAD VEHICLES WERE THE FORD TAURUS, NISSAN SENTRA, HONDA ACCORD, FORD THUNDERBIRD, OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS, CHEVROLET LUMINA, LINCOLN TOWNCAR, PONTIAC GRAND AM, TOYOTA CAMRY, AND THE MERCURY COUGAR.

THE MOST FREQUENTLY ENCOUNTERED SPORTS UTILITY VEHICLES IN HIGHWAY SEIZURES WERE THE CHEVROLET BLAZER, FORD EXPLORER, CHEVROLET SUBURBAN, JEEP CHEROKEE, AND THE FORD EXPEDITION.

PICKUP TRUCKS MOST OFTEN USED WERE THE FORD F150, DODGE RAM, FORD RANGER, CHEVROLET S10, AND CHEVROLET SILVERADO.

TRACTOR TRAILER MAKES ENCOUNTERED MOST FREQUENTLY WERE FREIGHTLINER, KENWORTH, AND PETERBILT.

MINIVANS WERE USED MORE THAN FULL SIZE VANS TO TRANSPORT

CONTRABAND ON U.S. HIGHWAYS. THE MODELS ENCOUNTERED WERE THE DODGE CARAVAN, CHEVROLET ASTRO, FORD AEROSTAR, AND THE PLYMOUTH VOYAGER.

THESE LOAD VEHICLES WERE PRIVATELY OWNED IN THE MAJORITY OF THE SEIZURE INCIDENTS (73 PERCENT), FOLLOWED BY RENTED OR LEASED VEHICLES (21 PERCENT) AND A SMALL NUMBER OF COMPANY OWNED VEHICLES (6 PERCENT). THE AMOUNTS SEIZED FROM THESE VEHICLES WERE AS FOLLOWS:

PRIVATELY OWNED	INCIDENTS	2,436
	MARIJUANA	66,392 KGS
	COCAINE	8,578 KGS
	HEROIN	54 KGS
	METH	771 KGS
	USC	\$46.7 MILLION

RENTED/LEASED	INCIDENTS	689
	MARIJUANA	21,945 KGS
	COCAINE	3,872 KGS
	HEROIN	5 KGS
	METH	69 KGS
	USC	\$16.5 MILLION

COMPANY OWNED	INCIDENTS	178
	MARIJUANA	15,614 KGS
	COCAINE	1,242 KGS
	HEROIN	2 KGS
	METH	3 KGS
	USC	\$12.9 MILLION

7. ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ARE WELCOMED, AND SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO [REDACTED] EPIC RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, [REDACTED] OR EPIC RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, AT [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 02/13/99

****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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SEIZURES ARE INCLUDED IF THEY MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE; ONE HUNDRED (100) KGS OF MARIJUANA; TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN; FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK; ONE (1) KILOGRAM (KG) OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH); AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC AND SATISFYING THE ABOVE CRITERIA SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

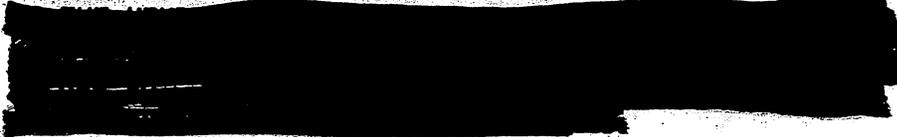
ON JANUARY 27, AT 1040 HOURS, THE VIRGINIA (VA) STATE POLICE SEIZED 55 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM TWO BLACK MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95, IN HENRICO COUNTY. THE GEORGIA RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA (GA), FROM NEWARK, NEW JERSEY (NJ), IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1990 ACURA LEGEND WITH NJ PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, WHO WAS THE PASSENGER'S SISTER AND ALSO A NJ RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A PAT-DOWN OF THE PASSENGER, PRIOR TO A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE HEROIN, IN A TIED PLASTIC BAG, DUCT-TAPED TO HIS RIGHT THIGH.

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ON JANUARY 31, AT 1335 HOURS, THE UTAH (UT) HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 235 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO WHITE MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70, IN SEVIER COUNTY. THE NEW JERSEY RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK, NEW YORK (NY), IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1998 FORD F-250 VAN BEARING MISSOURI (MO) PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A ST. LOUIS, MO, RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THIRTEEN DUFFLE BAGS OF MARIJUANA IN THE BACK OF THE VAN.

ON FEBRUARY 2, AT 1512 HOURS, THE INDIANA (IN) STATE POLICE SEIZED 100 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-64, IN DUBOIS COUNTY, IN SEPARATE VEHICLES. THE DRIVERS OF BOTH VEHICLES, BOTH RESIDENTS OF VIRGINIA, WERE EN ROUTE TO VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA (VA), FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA (CA). THE DRIVER OF THE FIRST VEHICLE WAS TRAVELING IN HIS 1985 FORD THUNDERBIRD BEARING CA PLATES, AND THE DRIVER OF THE SECOND VEHICLE WAS IN HIS 1987 NISSAN PICKUP TRUCK BEARING VA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF TWO DUFFLE BAGS OF MARIJUANA IN THE TRUNK OF THE THUNDERBIRD, AND TWO DUFFLE BAGS OF MARIJUANA IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP TRUCK, UNDER THE CAMPER SHELL. THE PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA, IN BOTH SEIZURES, WERE COVERED IN AXLE GREASE, AND FABRIC SOFTENER SHEETS WERE FOUND IN EACH DUFFLE BAG.

ON FEBRUARY 3, AT 0841 HOURS, THE SULPHUR, LOUISIANA (LA), POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED \$192,773 U.S. CURRENCY (USC) FROM TWO BLACK MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10, IN CALCASIEU PARISH. THE GEORGIA RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO WEST POINT, GA, FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS (TX), IN A RENTED 1995 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO BEARING TX PLATES.



ON FEBRUARY 4, AT 0830 HOURS, THE LAREDO, TX, TASK FORCE

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SEIZED \$101,980 USC FROM TWO HISPANIC MALES TRAVELING
SOUTHBOUND ON I-35, IN WEBB COUNTY. THE TWO LAREDO, TX,
RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LAREDO FROM MICHIGAN (MI) IN
THE DRIVER'S 1998 DODGE DURANCO BEARING MI PLATES. A
SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC,
USING A FIBER OPTIC SCOPE, IN THE VEHICLE'S GAS TANK.

ON FEBRUARY 4, AT 1605 HOURS, THE NEBRASKA (NE) STATE
PATROL SEIZED 127 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A WHITE
FEMALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80, IN SARPY COUNTY. THE
SPANAWAY, WASHINGTON (WA), RESIDENT, WAS EN ROUTE TO
CLEVELAND, OHIO (OH), FROM SAN DIEGO, CA, IN A RENTED
1999 FORD CROWN VICTORIA WITH CA PLATES.

ON FEBRUARY 7, AT 1243 HOURS, THE NE STATE PATROL SEIZED
350 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO WHITE MALES TRAVELING
IN SEPARATE VEHICLES EASTBOUND ON I-80, IN LANCASTER
COUNTY. THE DRIVER OF THE LOAD VEHICLE, A CALIFORNIA
RESIDENT, WAS TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1989 FORD
PICKUP TRUCK WITH CA PLATES, TOWING A UTILITY FLATBED
TRAILER. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A NEWPORT BEACH, CA,
RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. THE DRIVER OF THE ESCORT
VEHICLE, A NE RESIDENT, WAS TRAVELING IN A 1987 CHEVROLET
PICKUP TRUCK WITH COMMERCIAL NE PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE
FORD PICKUP TRUCK LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THIRTY-EIGHT
PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA, WRAPPED IN BLACK BAGS, DUCT TAPE,
AND CELLOPHANE. THE CONTRABAND WAS CONCEALED IN THE
TRUCK'S UTILITY SIDE-MOUNTED TOOLBOXES, AND ON THE
TRAILER BED, CONCEALED INSIDE AN ORANGE SHIPPING CRATE,
WHICH WAS LOCATED UNDER A TARP.

ON FEBRUARY 8, AT 0600 HOURS, THE MARICOPA COUNTY,
ARIZONA (AZ), SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEIZED 134 KILOGRAMS OF
MARIJUANA ON I-70 WESTBOUND FROM A HISPANIC MALE. THE
PHOENIX, AZ, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CA,
FROM PHOENIX. THE 19 PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA, WRAPPED IN
FOIL AND CELLOPHANE, WERE FOUND IN THE TRUNK OF THE
PRIVATELY-OWNED 1994 FORD TAURUS, BEARING AZ PLATES. THE
OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT.

ON FEBRUARY 8, AT 1430 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA (OK) HIGHWAY
PATROL SEIZED 16 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A HISPANIC
MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-35, IN RAY COUNTY. THE
MOUNTAIN LAKE, MINNESOTA (MN), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO
MOUNTAIN LAKE FROM SAN ANTONIO, TX, IN A 1981 FORD VAN
WITH MN PLATES. THE OWNERS OF THE VEHICLE, SLEEPY EYE,
MN, RESIDENTS, WERE NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE
LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND CONCEALED WITHIN

4 THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED OVER 11 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE ON FEBRUARY 8, AT 1700 HOURS, FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING ON STATE ROAD 91 EASTBOUND, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE SUBJECT, A RESIDENT OF PARAMOUNT, CA, WAS EN ROUTE TO PARAMOUNT FROM CHINO HILLS, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1987 OLDSMOBILE SEDAN BEARING CA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A LOS ANGELES, CA, RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. THE CONTRABAND WAS DISCOVERED IN A NYLON BAG, LOCATED IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON FEBRUARY 8, AT 1800 HOURS, THE TX DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED 215 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING ON U.S. 77 NORTHBOUND, IN CAMERON COUNTY. THE MATAMOROS, MEXICO (MX), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO BROWNSVILLE, TX, IN A CHEVROLET VAN. THE MARIJUANA WAS IN PLAIN VIEW IN THE VAN.

THE CHP SEIZED 1,470 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM TWO HISPANIC MALES ON I-5 NORTHBOUND, IN SHASTA COUNTY, ON FEBRUARY 9, AT 0540 HOURS. THE SUBJECTS, FRESNO, CA, RESIDENTS, WERE EN ROUTE TO MADRAS, OREGON (OR), FROM FRESNO IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 FORD TAURUS WITH CA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, ALSO A FRESNO, CA, RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS CONCEALED IN A NATURAL VOID IN THE ROCKER PANEL. A TRAP DOOR WAS FOUND IN THE RIGHT FRONT ROCKER PANEL.

THE TX DPS SEIZED 500 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE ON I-20 EASTBOUND, IN SMITH COUNTY, FROM TWO BLACK MALES ON FEBRUARY 9, AT 0730 HOURS. THE DRIVER, A HOUSTON, LA, RESIDENT, AND THE MALE PASSENGER, A SHREVEPORT, LA,

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RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO SHREVEPORT, FROM DALLAS, TX,
IN THE PASSENGER'S 1989 GMC PICKUP TRUCK WITH LA PLATES.
A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE
CONTRABAND UNDER THE FRONT SEAT.

THE TX DPS SEIZED 128 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA ON U.S. 57
EASTBOUND, IN FRIO COUNTY, FROM A HISPANIC FEMALE ON
FEBRUARY 10, AT 0811 HOURS. THE DRIVER, A SAN ANTONIO,
TX, RESIDENT, WAS EN ROUTE TO SAN ANTONIO, FROM EAGLE
PASS, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1996 PONTIAC SUNFIRE
BEARING TX PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, ALSO A SAN
ANTONIO RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. THE MARIJUANA WAS
DISCOVERED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

THE NEVADA (NV) HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1,557 GRAMS OF
METHAMPHETAMINE ON I-80 EASTBOUND, IN WASHOE COUNTY, FROM
A WHITE MALE AND A HISPANIC FEMALE ON FEBRUARY 10, AT
0949 HOURS. THE SINGLE PACKAGE OF METHAMPHETAMINE,
WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE, WAS DISCOVERED INSIDE AN AUXILIARY
SPEAKER BOX LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF A PRIVATELY-OWNED
1989 CHEVROLET BERETTA BEARING IDAHO (ID) PLATES. THE
OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, THE PASSENGER'S SISTER, WAS NOT
PRESENT. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF CALDWELL, ID, AND THE
PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF NAMPA, ID, WERE EN ROUTE TO
NAMPA FROM FARMERSVILLE, CA. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE
ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE.

ON FEBRUARY 10, AT 1200 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED 1,190 GRAMS
OF TAR HEROIN FROM TWO HISPANIC MALES TRAVELING ON I-40
EASTBOUND IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS, BOTH
RESIDENTS OF MODESTO, CA, WERE EN ROUTE TO AMARILLO, TX,
FROM MODESTO IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 BUICK PARK AVENUE
BEARING MO TEMPORARY PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A
ST. LOUIS, MO, RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. THE HEROIN WAS
DISCOVERED UNDER THE DRIVER'S SIDE FRONT FENDER WALL.

ON FEBRUARY 10, AT 1400 HOURS, THE ROBESON COUNTY, NORTH
CAROLINA (NC) SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEIZED \$221,297 USC FROM A
HISPANIC COUPLE TRAVELING ON I-95 SOUTHBOUND. THE
DRIVER, A CITIZEN OF THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AND AN
ILLEGAL ALIEN, AND THE PASSENGER, BOTH RESIDENTS OF
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA (PA), WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI,
FLORIDA (FL), FROM PHILADELPHIA IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1986
AUDI 4000S WITH FL PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A
MIAMI RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE
LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN

ON FEBRUARY 10, AT 2330 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS (IL) STATE POLICE SEIZED 201 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM THREE WHITE MALES TRAVELING ON U.S. 251 SOUTHBOUND, IN LASALLE COUNTY. THE STATEN ISLAND, NY, RESIDENTS, TWO OF WHOM WERE YUGOSLAVIANS, WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK, NY, FROM SCOTTSDALE, AZ, IN A RENTED 1999 GMC MOTORHOME WITH NJ PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND, WRAPPED IN CONTACT PAPER, IN CARDBOARD BOXES LOCATED IN THE SLEEPING AREA OF THE MOTORHOME.

ON FEBRUARY 12, AT 1400 HOURS, THE IL STATE POLICE SEIZED \$412,759 USC FROM A MALE TRAVELING ON I-70 WESTBOUND, IN ELLINGHAM COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES FROM NEW YORK, NY, IN A 1996 FORD TRUCK TRACTOR AND CAR HAULER TRAILER WITH CA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE TRUCK, AND THE VEHICLES BEING TRANSPORTED, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF A LARGE PLASTIC CONTAINER OF USC IN THE TRUNK OF A 1989 TOYOTA, WHICH WAS REGISTERED TO A SOUTH GATE, CA, RESIDENT.

ON FEBRUARY 12, AT 1654 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED 285 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM TWO HISPANIC MALES TRAVELING ON U.S. 101 SOUTHBOUND, IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A PALO ALTO, CA, RESIDENT, AND THE PASSENGER, A TRANSIENT, WAS EN ROUTE TO SAN JOSE, CA, FROM PALO ALTO IN THE DRIVER'S 1986 NISSAN PICKUP TRUCK BEARING CA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE HEROIN, IN A UTILITY BOX, LOCATED IN THE BED OF THE TRUCK.

THE [REDACTED] PROVIDED INFORMATION REGARDING OFFICER SAFETY. CERTAIN 1999 VEHICLE MODELS ARE EQUIPPED WITH SIDE AIR BAGS, WHICH COULD BE ACTIVATED WHILE CONDUCTING VEHICLE SEARCHES, CAUSING OFFICER INJURY. THE FOLLOWING IS A LIST OF THOSE VEHICLES BY MAKE/MODEL IN WHICH SIDE AIR BAGS ARE INCLUDED AS STANDARD EQUIPMENT: ACURA 3.5 RL; AUDI (ALL MODELS); BMW (ALL MODELS); CADILLAC DEVILLE AND SEVILLE; CHEVROLET VENTURE; HYUNDAI

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***** STATE POLICE BROADCAST *****

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NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL NORTHERN COMMAND
NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL
NEVADA STATE DIV OF INVEST (NARCOTICS)
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE
NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE

SECTION 4 OF 4 SECTIONS
SONATA; INFINITI (ALL MODELS); JAGUAR XJ-SERIES; LAND
ROVER RANGE ROVER 4.0 SE AND 4.6 HSE; LEXUS, EXCEPT LX470
AND SCS; LINCOLN CONTINENTAL AND TOWN CAR; MERCEDES-BENZ
(ALL MODELS); OLDSMOBILE SILHOUETTE; PONTIAC MONTANA;
PORSCHE 911 AND BOXSTER; SAAB (ALL MODELS); TOYOTA
AVALON; VOLKSWAGEN (ALL MODELS EXCEPT EUROVAN); AND
VOLVO. THOSE VEHICLES, IN WHICH THE SIDE AIR BAGS ARE
OPTIONAL EQUIPMENT, ARE: CADILLAC CATERA; CHEVROLET
PRIZM; FORD EXPLORER AND WINDSTAR; MERCURY MOUNTAINEER
AND COUGAR; MITSUBISHI GALANT; NISSAN MAXIMA AND
PATHFINDER; AND TOYOTA CAMRY, CAMRY SOLARA, AND COROLLA.
CERTAIN MODELS OF AUDI AND BMW OFFER REAR AIR BAGS AS
WELL.

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), 1 GRAM 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
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NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL NORTHERN COMMAND
NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL
NEVADA STATE DIV OF INVEST (NARCOTICS)
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE
NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE
SECTION ONE OF THREE SECTIONS

SUBJECT: OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
OPERATION CONVOY

HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 02/06/99

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

THIS MESSAGE HIGHLIGHTS CURRENT DRUG SEIZURES AND INTELLIGENC: 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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

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ON JANUARY 16, AT 1130 HOURS, THE SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA (CA), POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD) SEIZED 15 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE SOLUTION FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON SR-22, IN ORANGE COUNTY. THE MEXICO (MX) RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CA, FROM ORANGE COUNTY, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1985 MERCURY LYNX WITH CA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, AN EL PASO, TX, RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT

ON JANUARY 20, AT 2000 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (TX DPS) SEIZED 278 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 83, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE RIO GRANDE CITY, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MCALLEN, TX, FROM RIO GRANDE CITY IN HIS 1989 FORD F-350 PICKUP TRUCK BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, ALSO A RIO GRANDE CITY RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF FORTY-EIGHT PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA, CONCEALED IN A TOOLBOX LOCATED IN THE TRUCK'S PASSENGER AREA.

ON JANUARY 22, AT 0900 HOURS, THE COLORADO STATE PATROL (CO SP) SEIZED 22 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND 18 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-25, IN PUEBLO COUNTY. THE DRIVER AND PASSENGER, BOTH RESIDENTS OF EL PASO, TX, WERE EN ROUTE TO DENVER, CO, FROM EL PASO IN THE DRIVER'S 1987 CHEVROLET BERETTA BEARING TX PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS CONCEALED IN A LOCKED GREEN DUFFLE BAG, WEIGHING ABOUT 50-60 POUNDS, LOCATED IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND CONCEALED IN WELDED CONTAINERS, WHICH WERE ATTACHED TO THE INSIDE TIRE RIMS.

ON JANUARY 22, AT 1910 HOURS, THE CO SP SEIZED 294 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA, 3,500 DOSAGE UNITS (DU'S) OF METHAQUALONE, \$1,359 U.S. CURRENCY (USC), AND .5 GRAM OF COCAINE FROM A WHITE COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-94, IN MORGAN COUNTY. THE FEMALE DRIVER, A BASALT, CO, RESIDENT, AND HER PASSENGER, A HAVERTOWN, PENNSYLVANIA (PA), RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO PA, FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA (AZ), IN A RENTED 1995 FORD F-350 U-HAUL TRUCK BEARING INDIANA (IN) PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WRAPPED IN CONTACT PAPER, CONCEALED IN 10 BOXES LOCATED IN THE U-HAUL TRUCK'S CARGO AREA. THE METHAQUALONE, BEARING A MEXICAN LABEL, WAS FOUND IN A BLACK DUFFLE BAG, WHICH WAS ALSO LOCATED IN A BOX IN THE TRUCK'S CARGO AREA. THE USC WAS FOUND ON THE PASSENGER'S PERSON, WHILE THE TWO BINDLES OF COCAINE WERE FOUND IN THE DRIVER'S PANT POCKET.

ON JANUARY 24, AT 2000 HOURS, THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL (MO HP) SEIZED 1,317 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO HISPANIC MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-94, IN JASPER

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NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL NORTHERN COMMAND
NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL
NEVADA STATE DIV OF INVEST (NARCOTICS)
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE
NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE
SECTION TWO OF THREE SECTIONS

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] OPERATION PIPELINE
[REDACTED] OPERATION CONVOY
HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 02/12/99

COUNTY. THE TWO HEREFORD, TX, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (IL), FROM MCALLEN, TX, IN A 1996 KENWORTH TRACTOR, TOWING A 1989 GREAT DANE REFRIGERATED TRAILER, BOTH BEARING TX PLATES. [REDACTED]

ON JANUARY 30, THE MO HP SEIZED OVER 5 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44, IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A STOCKTON, CA, RESIDENT, WAS EN ROUTE TO ST. LOUIS, FROM PLANADA, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1989 CHEVROLET AEROSTAR VAN WITH CA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A [REDACTED]

ON FEBRUARY 1, AT 1930 HOURS, THE BALTIMORE, MARYLAND (MD), PD SEIZED 222 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM A MALE. THE BALTIMORE RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS MOTHER'S 1995 NISSAN MAXIMA WITH MD PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE HEROIN INSIDE A PLASTIC BAG, WHICH WAS CONCEALED IN A SHOPPING BAG, LOCATED IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON FEBRUARY 2, AT 0130 HOURS, THE SIERRA VISTA, AZ, PD SEIZED OVER 221 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA ON HIGHWAY 92 NORTHBOUND FROM A NATIVE AMERICAN MALE. THE SUBJECT, AN ARIZONA RESIDENT, WAS EN ROUTE TO TUCSON, AZ, FROM DOUGLAS, AZ. [REDACTED] THE VEHICLE HE WAS DRIVING WAS ENTERING THE U.S. FROM MEXICO WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE TRAFFIC STOP. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND IN THE CAB AND BED OF THE PRIVATELY-OWNED 1990 FORD F-150 PICKUP TRUCK BEARING AZ PLATES. THE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT.

ON FEBRUARY 2, AT 2145 HOURS, THE MD HP SEIZED 295 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO HISPANIC MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44, IN NEWTON COUNTY. THE WESLACO, TX, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW JERSEY (NJ) FROM EDINBURG, TX, IN A 1992 PETERBILT TRACTOR WITH TX PLATES, TOWING A 1988 TEMPE TRAILER WITH OKLAHOMA (OK) PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND, COMMINGLED WITH BOXES OF LINES, AT THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER.

THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED \$142,250 USC ON FEBRUARY 3, AT 1430 HOURS, FROM A MEXICAN COUPLE TRAVELING ON I-5 SOUTHBOUND, IN MERCED COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS, RESIDENTS OF RIALTO, CA, WERE EN ROUTE TO STOCKTON, CA, FROM RIALTO IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1994 FORD THUNDERBIRD BEARING CA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE CURRENCY WAS DISCOVERED WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE UPPER PORTION OF THE REAR PASSENGER SEAT.

ON FEBRUARY 3, AT 2030 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 1,681 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO HISPANIC MALES TRAVELING ON U.S. 281 NORTHBOUND, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE FATHER AND SON WERE EN ROUTE TO FL FROM MCALLEN IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1995 PETERBILT TRACTOR, TOWING A UTILITY REFRIGERATED TRAILER, BOTH BEARING TX PLATES. THE MARIJUANA WAS CONCEALED UNDER A SHIPMENT OF CILANTRO. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO THE PRESENCE OF MARIJUANA INSIDE THE TRAILER.

THE TX DPS SEIZED 454 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A CUBAN MALE ON U.S. 77 NORTHBOUND, IN KLEBERG COUNTY, ON FEBRUARY 3, AT 2217 HOURS. THE SUBJECT, A MIAMI, FLORIDA (FL), RESIDENT, WAS ALLEGEDLY EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TX, FROM MCALLEN, TX, IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1985 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR TOWING A TRAILMOBILE FLATBED TRAILER, BOTH WITH FL PLATES. THE MARIJUANA WAS DISCOVERED UNDER THE SLEEPER BED IN THE TRACTOR. THE TRAILER WAS EMPTY.

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0311 TX DEA EL PASO 02/13/99
NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL NORTHERN COMMAND
NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL
NEVADA STATE DIV OF INVEST (NARCOTICS)
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE
NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE
SECTION THREE OF THREE SECTIONS

SUBJECT: OPERATION PIPELINE
OPERATION CONVOY
HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 02/12/99

THE TX DPS SEIZED 114 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA ON U.S. 59 NORTHBOUND, IN PANOLA COUNTY, FROM TWO BLACK MALES AND ONE BLACK FEMALE ON FEBRUARY 3, AT 2228 HOURS. THE DRIVER, A HOMEWOOD, IL, RESIDENT; THE MALE PASSENGER, A GARY, INDIANA (IN), RESIDENT; AND THE FEMALE PASSENGER, A HAMMOND, IN, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (TN), FROM HOUSTON, TX, IN A RENTED 1998 DODGE VAN WITH IL PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE BACK OF THE VEHICLE.

THE TX DPS SEIZED 351 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA ON U.S. 83 EASTBOUND, IN CAMERON COUNTY, FROM A HISPANIC MALE ON FEBRUARY 5, AT 1340 HOURS. THE DRIVER, A RIO GRANDE CITY, TX, RESIDENT, WAS EN ROUTE TO LA JOYA, TX, FROM RIO GRANDE CITY IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1984 FORD BRONCO BEARING TX PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE MARIJUANA WAS DISCOVERED IN PLAIN VIEW ON THE FRONT PASSENGER SIDE FLOORBOARD AND IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE BRONCO.

THE CHP SEIZED \$725,000 USC ON I-405 SOUTHBOUND, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, FROM TWO WHITE MALES AND AN INDIAN MALE ON FEBRUARY 5, AT 1450 HOURS. THE CURRENCY WAS DISCOVERED INSIDE A SUITCASE IN THE TRUNK OF A RENTED 1995 CHEVROLET CAVALIER BEARING CA PLATES. THE SUBJECTS, RESIDENTS OF BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON (WA); BRIER, WA; AND SUGARLAND, TX, WERE EN ROUTE TO ORANGE, CA, FROM BEVERLY HILLS, CA. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE.

ON FEBRUARY 5, AT 1630 HOURS, THE MO HP SEIZED \$337,210 USC FROM THREE WHITE MALES TRAVELING ON I-44 WESTBOUND IN GREENE COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS, ALL RESIDENTS OF GRANITE CITY, IL, WERE EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TX, FROM GRANITE CITY IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1994 CHEVROLET VAN BEARING IL PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE CURRENCY WAS DISCOVERED WITHIN THE LEFT REAR DOOR PANEL.

THE AZ DPS SEIZED 220 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA ON FEBRUARY 5, AT 1732 HOURS, FROM A WHITE COUPLE TRAVELING ON I-40 EASTBOUND, IN COCONINO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF BARTON, FL, AND THE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF TUCSON, AZ, WERE EN ROUTE TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN (MI) FROM AZ, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1998 4-WINDS MOTOR HOME BEARING MI PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE MARIJUANA WAS DISCOVERED WITHIN THE NATURAL COMPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MOTOR HOME.

ON FEBRUARY 6, AT 0230 HOURS THE MISSION, TX, PD SEIZED 287 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A 1980 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK BEARING TX PLATES, WHICH WAS OCCUPIED BY TWO HISPANIC MALES. FOLLOWING A PURSUIT AFTER THE TRAFFIC STOP BY THE MISSION PD, THE TWO MALES ABSCONDED. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND IN THE BED OF THE ABANDONED PICKUP TRUCK.

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), 1 GRAM 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 SEIZURE REPORTS RECEIVED AT EPIC.

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NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL
NEVADA STATE DIV OF INVEST (NARCOTICS)
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE
NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE

SECTION ONE OF FIVE SECTIONS

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
[REDACTED] OPERATION CONVOY

HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 01/16/99

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ON DECEMBER 12, AT 0952 HOURS, THE NORTH CAROLINA (NC)

HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF CRACK, 2 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, 6 GRAMS OF HEROIN OF UNKNOWN ORIGIN, AND \$1,600 IN U.S. CURRENCY (USC) FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 74, IN SCOTLAND COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A BLACK MALE WITH RESIDENCES IN PATERSON, NEW JERSEY (NJ), AND LAURENBURG, NC, AND THE PASSENGER, A BLACK FEMALE RESIDENT OF PATERSON, NJ, WERE EN ROUTE TO LAURENBURG FROM NJ, IN A RENTED 1999 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE BEARING NC PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 778 GRAMS OF THE CRACK, DIVIDED INTO 16 PACKETS, EACH WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC, BROWN PAPER, AND CLEAR TAPE, LOCATED IN LUGGAGE IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK. THE 2 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC AND TAPE, WITH NO MARKINGS, WAS FOUND CONCEALED BEHIND THE REAR SEAT. ANOTHER 512 GRAMS OF CRACK WERE FOUND WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC, BROWN PAPER, AND CLEAR TAPE, CONCEALED IN THE GROIN AREA OF THE FEMALE PASSENGER. THE 6 GRAMS OF HEROIN, WRAPPED IN 16 PACKETS MADE OF A WAXED TYPE PAPER, AND MARKED WITH A "GHETTO DOPE" LABEL, AND THE \$1,600 IN USC, WERE FOUND IN THE PANTS POCKET OF THE MALE DRIVER.

ON DECEMBER 21, AT 0900 HOURS, THE TEXAS (TX) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED 363 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 83, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE RIO GRANDE CITY, TX. RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SAN JUAN, TX, FROM SULLIVAN CITY, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1988 FORD CROWN VICTORIA BEARING TX PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A PASADENA, TX, RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA IN THE VEHICLE'S BACKSEAT AND TRUNK.

ON JANUARY 6, AT 1100 HOURS, THE TX DPS, SEIZED 539 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 83, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE WESLACO, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO WESLACO FROM STARR COUNTY, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1988 GMC PICKUP, WITH A CAMPER SHELL, BEARING MINNESOTA (MN) PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND, CONCEALED IN LARGE PLASTIC TRASH BAGS, LOCATED IN THE TRUCK'S BED AND CAB AREA.

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ON JANUARY 6, AT 1254 HOURS, THE TXDPS SEIZED 253 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 83, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A SAN JUAN, TX, RESIDENT, WAS EN ROUTE TO SAN JUAN FROM SULLIVAN CITY, TX, IN THE DRIVER'S 1994 DODGE PICKUP TRUCK BEARING TX PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 45 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA IN THE TRUCK'S BED, CONCEALED UNDER A SNAP-ON TRUCK BED COVER.

ON JANUARY 6, AT 1445 HOURS, THE NC HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$107,500 IN USC FROM A PERUVIAN NATURALIZED U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA (FL), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FL, FROM NEW YORK (NY), IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1994 TOYOTA TERCEL WITH FL PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, ALSO A MIAMI, FL, RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY, IN \$10,000 BUNDLES. EACH BUNDLE, COMPRISING OF \$100 BILLS, WAS COMINGLED WITH CLOTHING IN A NYLON BAG LOCATED IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK. THE CLOTHING WAS SATURATED WITH LIQUID FABRIC SOFTENER AS A MASKING AGENT.

ON JANUARY 7, AT 1317 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 108 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-35, IN MEDINA COUNTY. THE COUPLE, BOTH INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA (IN) RESIDENTS, WERE EN ROUTE TO INDIANA FROM LAREDO, TX, IN A 1998 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR TOWING A 1998 HALBASH TRAILER, BOTH WITH IN PLATES. REFLECT THAT THE TRAILER HAD CROSSED THE U.S./MEXICAN BORDER WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE STOP. THE OWNER OF THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE BOX TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA IN THE TRAILER WITH A LEGITIMATE LOAD OF OIL FILTERS. THE MARIJUANA WAS IN PLAIN VIEW ONCE THE TRAILER DOORS WERE OPENED.

ON JANUARY 10, AT 1954 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA (LA) STATE POLICE SEIZED 3 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, 12 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA, AND \$102,845 IN USC FROM A BLACK MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10, IN CALCASIEU PARISH. THE BATON ROUGE, LA, RESIDENT WAS BELIEVED TO BE EN ROUTE TO BATON ROUGE FROM AN UNIDENTIFIED POINT OF ORIGIN, IN THE DRIVER'S 1996 PRIVATELY-OWNED CHEVROLET S-10 EXTENDED CAB PICKUP TRUCK. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND INSIDE A BLUE CARRY-ON BAG LOCATED BEHIND THE DRIVER'S SEAT.

ON JANUARY 11, AT 0820 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED \$137,640 IN USC FROM TWO HISPANIC MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 77, IN VICTORIA COUNTY. THE TWO HOUSTON, TX, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO REYNOSA, MX, FROM HOUSTON IN THE DRIVER'S 1993 CHEVROLET COUPE BEARING TX PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY CONCEALED IN LUGGAGE LOCATED IN THE VEHICLE.

ON JANUARY 11, AT 1110 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 585 GRAMS OF BLACK TAR HEROIN AND 6 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 281, IN JIM WELLS COUNTY. THE DALLAS, TX, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1988 BUICK WITH TEMPORARY TX PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND, CONCEALED IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED BEHIND THE REAR SEAT.

ON JANUARY 11, AT 1612 HOURS, THE CRITTEHDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS (AR) SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SEIZED 5 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-49, IN CRITTEHDEN COUNTY. THE CLEVELAND, OHIO (OH), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CLEVELAND FROM DALLAS, TX, IN THE DRIVER'S 1983 CHEVROLET S-10 BLAZER BEARING OH PLATES.

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KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A HISPANIC COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-35, IN WILLIAMSON COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, AN EAST CHICAGO, IN, RESIDENT AND THE FEMALE PASSENGER, A ROMA, TX, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (IL), FROM ROMA IN THE DRIVER'S 1993 DODGE INTREPID BEARING IL PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE VEHICLE'S GAS TANK. THE CONTRABAND WAS PACKAGED IN HALF KILOGRAM-SIZED PACKAGES. TWO OF THE PACKAGES, EACH DISPLAYED ONE-HALF OF A CANDY BAR WRAPPER AND ONE-HALF OF A STRAW. SOME OF THE PACKAGES HAD NUMBERS MARKED ON THEM RANGING FROM 1 TO 18. SOME OF THOSE NUMBERED PACKAGES HAD AN "M" UNDER THE NUMRER. THERE WAS NO CONSISTENCY IN THE MARKINGS AND THE NUMBERS WERE NOT IN CONSECUTIVE ORDER.

ON JANUARY 11, AT 1952 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 468 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 83, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE MX RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PALMVIEW, TX, FROM RIO GRANDE CITY, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1986 FORD PICKUP TRUCK BEARING TX PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND, WHICH WAS IN PLAIN VIEW, WITHIN THE VEHICLE'S CAB AND BED AREA.

ON JANUARY 11, AT 2200 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 1,407 GRAMS OF BLACK TAR HEROIN AND 91 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA

FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-35, IN HAYS COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A DALLAS, TX, RESIDENT, WAS DRIVING A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1990 CHEVROLET PICKUP BEARING TX PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT.

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ON JANUARY 13, AT 2145 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA (CA) HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED 7,597 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND \$1,830 IN USC FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5, IN YOLO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, AN EL PASO, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PENDLETON, OREGON (OR), FROM MODESTO, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1994 FORD PICKUP BEARING OR PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A PORTLAND, OR, RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METHAMPHETAMINE CONCEALED IN A SPARE TIRE LOCATED UNDER THE VEHICLE. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND ON THE SUBJECT.

ON JANUARY 13, AT 2320 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 448 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A HISPANIC MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 83, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A MCALLEN, TX, RESIDENT, WAS EN ROUTE TO MCALLEN FROM SULLIVAN CITY, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 FORD PICKUP BEARING TX PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A DIBOLL, TX, RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE BED OF THE VEHICLE.

ON JANUARY 14, AT 1405 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA (OK) HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5,448 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, FROM A HISPANIC MALE, TRAVELING ON I-40 EASTBOUND, IN BECKHAM COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A SAN DIEGO, CA, RESIDENT, WAS

EN ROUTE TO OXNARD, CA, FROM HICHITA, KANSAS (KS), IN HIS 1994 FORD PICKUP BEARING CA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND CONCEALED WITHIN THE VEHICLE'S FUEL TANK.

ON JANUARY 14, AT 1628 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED 109 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A WHITE MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15, IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE DUXBURY, MASSACHUSETTS (MA), RESIDENT, WAS EN ROUTE TO DUXBURY FROM OCEANSIDE, CA, IN HIS 1995 FORD PICKUP BEARING MA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN BOXES CONCEALED IN A STACK OF WOOD IN THE BED

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OF THE VEHICLE.

ON JANUARY 14, AT 2000 HOURS, THE ORANGE, CA, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 85 GRAMS OF COCAINE, 3.175 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND \$1,671 IN USC FROM TWO HISPANIC MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON GLASSELL AVE., IN ORANGE COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A GARDEN GROVE, CA, RESIDENT, AND THE PASSENGER, A MORENO VALLEY, CA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO A LOCAL BUSINESS, IN THE CITY OF ORANGE, FROM AN UNSPECIFIED POINT OF ORIGIN IN ORANGE, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1965 FORD MUSTANG BEARING CA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, ANOTHER GARDEN GROVE, CA, RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT.

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ON JANUARY 15, THE WEST MEMPHIS, AR, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED \$741,104 IN USC FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-40, IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A LAREDO, TX, RESIDENT, AND THE PASSENGER WERE EN ROUTE TO LAREDO, TX, FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (TN), IN A 1996 FORD RANGER PICKUP BEARING TEMPORARY DEALER TX PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE

VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF TWO FALSE COMPARTMENTS. ONE FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED IN THE GLOVE BOX, CONTAINED A PORTION OF THE CURRENCY, WHILE THE OTHER FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE BED OF THE TRUCK, HELD THE REMAINING CURRENCY.

ON JANUARY 16, AT 0815 HOURS, THE OK HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 50 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A BLACK COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN BECKHAM COUNTY. THE COUPLE, BOTH KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI (MO), RESIDENTS, WAS EN ROUTE TO KANSAS CITY FROM PHOENIX, AZ, IN A RENTED 1997 FORD MOTOR HOME BEARING WASHINGTON (WA) PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE MOTOR HOME, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN CABINETS AND DRAWERS LOCATED IN THE MOTOR HOME.

ON JANUARY 16, AT 1300 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED 1,506 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM AN INDIAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5, IN SHASTA COUNTY. THE SACRAMENTO, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PORTLAND, OR, FROM SACRAMENTO IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1991 NISSAN SENTRA BEARING CA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A BELLFLOWER, CA, RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF AN ELECTRONICALLY OPERATED FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE DASH, IN WHICH THE CONTRABAND AND AMMUNITION (.40 AND .38 CALIBER) WERE CONCEALED.

ON JANUARY 16, AT 1548 HOURS, THE OK HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 3,178 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, 683 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA, AND 22 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A WHITE COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN BECKHAM COUNTY. THE OLDER FEMALE DRIVER, A PHOENIX, AZ, RESIDENT, AND THE PASSENGER, A YOUNGER MALE RESIDENT OF GLENDALE, AZ, WERE EN ROUTE TO DETROIT, MI, FROM PHOENIX IN A 1994 FORD U-HAUL TRUCK. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 162 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA, 2 BLACK NYLON BAGS CONTAINING 20 BUNDLES OF COCAINE, AND THE METHAMPHETAMINE IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE TRUCK. THE KEY TO THE CARGO AREA WAS PURPORTEDLY WITH THE DRIVER OF A WHITE VEHICLE WHO HAD BEEN TRAVELING IN FRONT OF THE U-HAUL, BUT WAS NOT APPREHENDED.

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), 1 GRAM OF HEROIN, 454 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF LSD, 100 DOSAGE

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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 SEIZURE REPORTS RECEIVED AT EPIC.

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THE INFORMATION IN THIS TELETYPE IS DERIVED FROM MULTISOURCE/MULTIAGENCY INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT EPIC. THE INFORMATION IS DEA SENSITIVE AND SHOULD BE HANDLED ACCORDINGLY. THIS UNSOLICITED TELETYPE CONCERNS THE SEIZURE OF DRUGS AND RELATED PROCEEDS ON HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. EACH OF THESE SEIZURES OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF A TRAFFIC STOP OR LICENSE AND WEIGHT INSPECTION. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT REPORTING FOR CY98 CONTINUES TO ARRIVE AT EPIC; DISCUSSION HEREIN FOR CY98 IS BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC AS OF 1/21/99.

1. OVERVIEW

DURING CY98, 301 STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FROM 43 STATES REPORTED 3,847 HIGHWAY SEIZURE INCIDENTS TO EPIC. IN THESE INCIDENTS THEY SEIZED 121,352 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF MARIJUANA; 14,283 KGS OF COCAINE; 80 KGS OF CRACK COCAINE; 75 KGS OF HEROIN; 972 KGS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH); APPROXIMATELY \$86 MILLION IN U.S. CURRENCY (USC); AND 233 FIREARMS.

A COMPARISON OF SEIZURE DATA FOR CY98 AND CY97 INDICATES MINIMAL CHANGE, EXCEPT IN TWO AREAS: CY98 COCAINE AMOUNTS ALMOST DOUBLED OVER CY97 AMOUNTS (14,283 KGS VERSUS 7,664 KGS) AND USC AMOUNTS INCREASED BY 36 PERCENT (\$85.7 MILLION VERSUS \$63.1 MILLION).

THE INCREASE IN COCAINE SEIZURE AMOUNTS IN CY98 IS ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY INASMUCH AS THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS REMAINED CONSTANT (527 IN CY98 COMPARED TO 536 IN CY97). SIMILARLY, THE INCREASE IN THE AMOUNT OF USC OCCURRED DESPITE 9 PERCENT FEWER SEIZURE INCIDENTS DURING CY98

2. ORIGIN/DESTINATION

BASED ON INCIDENTS WHERE BOTH ORIGIN AND DESTINATION WERE IDENTIFIED, IN CY98 THE MAJORITY (85 PERCENT) OF THE COCAINE SEIZED ORIGINATED IN THE STATES OF CALIFORNIA (24 PERCENT - PRIMARILY LOS ANGELES) AND TEXAS (61 PERCENT - MAINLY EL PASO, HOUSTON, AND THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY), FOLLOWED BY FLORIDA. ALTHOUGH COCAINE AMOUNTS BEING TRANSPORTED FROM THE TWO SOUTHWEST BORDER STATES MORE THAN DOUBLED (8,010 KGS IN CY98 VS. 3,177 KGS IN CY97), THE AMOUNTS ORIGINATING IN FLORIDA DIFFERED BY LESS THAN ONE PERCENT (800 KGS IN CY98 COMPARED TO 733 KGS IN CY97). THE BULK OF THE COCAINE SEIZED IN CY98 AND CY97 WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, NEW YORK, NEW YORK, AND HOUSTON, TEXAS.

THE MAJORITY OF THE DRUG-RELATED CURRENCY SEIZED IN OPERATIONS PIPELINE/CONVOY DURING CY98 (66.5 PERCENT) AND CY97 (54 PERCENT) WAS BEING MOVED FROM LOS ANGELES, CHICAGO, NEW YORK CITY, AND HOUSTON, TO FLORIDA (\$17.4 MILLION (M) IN CY98, \$12.3M IN CY97), AND TEXAS (\$19.6M IN CY98, \$10M IN CY97). THE PROCEEDS WERE EN ROUTE TO THE SAME DRUG SOURCE CITIES IDENTIFIED IN THE ABOVE PARAGRAPH.

3. HIGHWAYS

THE BULK OF THE COCAINE SEIZED IN THESE OPERATIONS (CY98: 71 PERCENT, CY97: 64 PERCENT) WAS MOVED ON THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM DURING BOTH CALENDAR YEARS. THERE WAS A NOTED DECREASE IN THE PERCENTAGE OF COCAINE BEING TRANSPORTED ON U.S. HIGHWAYS, AS OPPOSED TO INTERSTATE OR STATE HIGHWAYS, DURING CY98 (13 PERCENT) WHEN COMPARED TO CY97 (32 PERCENT). THE PREDOMINANT INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS BEING USED TO TRANSPORT COCAINE DURING CY98 WERE I10, I95, I44, I40, I19, AND I75.

THE CHANGE IN THE USE OF U.S. HIGHWAYS IN CY98 WAS LESS PREDOMINANT IN THE TRANSPORTATION OF USC (11 PERCENT COMPARED TO 15 PERCENT IN CY97). AS WITH COCAINE, THE MAJORITY (80 PERCENT) WAS SEIZED ON THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM. THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS UTILIZED TO TRANSPORT THE MAJORITY OF THE USC SEIZED IN CY98 WERE I95, I40, I44, I15, I35, I57, AND I75.



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5. ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL
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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 9/25/99

///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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SEIZURES ARE INCLUDED IF THEY MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE; ONE HUNDRED (100) KGS OF MARIJUANA; TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN; FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK; ONE (1) KILOGRAM (KG) OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH); AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC AND SATISFYING THE ABOVE CRITERIA SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

ON SEPTEMBER 4 AT 2130 HOURS, THE NEBRASKA (NE) STATE POLICE (SP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 125 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF MARIJUANA FROM THREE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80, IN SHELTON COUNTY. THE FEMALE DRIVER AND TWO MALE PASSENGERS, ALL RESIDENTS OF GIBBON, NE, WERE EN ROUTE TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN (MI), FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA (AZ), IN A RENTED 1998 FORD VAN, BEARING AZ PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN TRASH BAGS, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

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ON SEPTEMBER 17 AT 1116 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 3 GRAMS (GMS) OF COCAINE AND \$116,157 USC FROM A MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10, IN CHAMBERS COUNTY. THE CRYSTAL RIVER, FLORIDA (FL), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO GALVESTON, TX, FROM RIVER CITY, FL, IN A RENTED 1999 OLDSMOBILE, BEARING FL PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND, WHICH WAS FOUND IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS WITHIN THE VEHICLE. THE USC WAS CONCEALED IN GROCERY BOXES, UNDER ICE IN AN ICE CHEST, IN A NOKIA PHONE BOX, AND IN A BRIEFCASE LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON SEPTEMBER 17 AT 1330 HOURS, THE OREGON (OR) HIGHWAY PATROL (HP) SEIZED 8,000 DOSAGE UNITS (DU) OF LSD FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON HWY 99, IN JACKSON COUNTY. THE GRANTS PASS, OR, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO A LOCATION IN OR, FROM ANOTHER LOCATION WITHIN OR, IN HIS 1986 NISSAN PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING OR PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE LSD, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE THE VEHICLE.

ON SEPTEMBER 19 AT 0800 HOURS, THE UTAH (UT) HP SEIZED 252 GMS OF BLACK TAR HEROIN, AND APPROXIMATELY 2 KGS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING ON HWY 191, IN SAN JUAN COUNTY. THE PHOENIX, AZ, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO DENVER, COLORADO (CO), FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN A RENTED 1999 MERCURY TRACER, BEARING AZ PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE NARCOTICS, WHICH WERE FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED BEHIND THE PASSENGER-SIDE DOOR. THE FOUR PACKAGES OF METH WERE WRAPPED IN BLACK TAPE, AND THE ONE PACKAGE OF BLACK TAR HEROIN WAS INSIDE A PLASTIC BOTTLE, WRAPPED IN TAPE.

ON SEPTEMBER 19 AT 1449 HOURS, THE AZ DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 118 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN COCONINO COUNTY. THE MIAMI, FL, RESIDENT WAS BELIEVED TO BE EN ROUTE TO THE EAST COAST OF THE COUNTRY, FROM CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1997 PETERBILT TRACTOR, TOWING A 1989 UTILITY TRAILER. THE TRACTOR AND THE TRAILER BOTH BORE NEW JERSEY (NJ) PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, COMMINGLED WITH ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT.

ON SEPTEMBER 20 AT 1246 HOURS, THE HARRIS COUNTY, TX, SO SEIZED \$100,000 USC FROM ONE MEXICAN NATIONAL MALE, AND ONE

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ON SEPTEMBER 8 AT 1358 HOURS, THE AZ DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 117 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET, IN PIMA COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF TUCSON, AZ, AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK (NY), WERE EN ROUTE TO A LOCATION IN TUCSON, FROM ANOTHER LOCATION WITHIN TUCSON, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1998 PONTIAC, BEARING CALIFORNIA (CA) PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK. THE PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA WERE WRAPPED IN WHITE CONTACT PAPER.

ON SEPTEMBER 10 AT 0449 HOURS, THE WEST CENTRAL TEXAS (TX) INTERLOCAL CRIME TASK FORCE (TF) SEIZED \$110,670 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-20, IN MITCHELL COUNTY. THE TWO PRESIDIO, TX, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO OJINAGA, MEXICO (MX), FROM KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI (MO), IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1993 FORD PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING MO PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, LOCATED IN THE GAS TANK.

ON SEPTEMBER 13, THE RUTHERFORD COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO) IN TENNESSEE (TN), SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 6 KGS OF RED PHOSPHORUS, \$1,200 USC, AND TWO WEAPONS, AT 1619 HOURS. TWO SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A STOLEN 1989 CADILLAC DEVILLE BEARING OKLAHOMA (OK) PLATES ON I-24 WESTBOUND WHEN STOPPED. AS A DEPUTY APPROACHED THE VEHICLE, IT SPED AWAY. ONE DEPUTY WAS ALMOST RUN OVER BY THE CADILLAC. THE PASSENGER IN THE CADILLAC FIRED AT LEAST 8 TO 9 SHOTS AT THE PURSUING DEPUTIES. A BULLET HIT THE WINDSHIELD OF ONE OF THE SHERIFF'S VEHICLES, CAUSING CUTS TO THE DEPUTY'S FACE WITH FLYING GLASS. ANOTHER BULLET HIT A SECOND SHERIFF'S VEHICLE. THE CADILLAC WAS FINALLY STOPPED, BUT THE DRIVER AND PASSENGER ATTEMPTED TO FLEE THE SCENE. THE DRIVER WAS APPREHENDED, BUT THE PASSENGER GOT AWAY. A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE REVEALED THE RED PHOSPHORUS INSIDE TWO CARDBOARD BOXES ON THE PASSENGER SIDE REAR FLOORBOARD.

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ON SEPTEMBER 22 AT 1120 HOURS, THE NEW MEXICO (NM) SP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 10 KGS OF COCAINE AND \$1,684 USC FROM A U.S. CITIZEN FEMALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-25, IN SIERRA COUNTY. THE EL PASO, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ALBUQUERQUE, NM, FROM EL PASO, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 DODGE DYNASTY, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, LOCATED BEHIND THE REAR SEAT.

ON SEPTEMBER 22 AT 2344 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED 5 KGS OF METH, APPROXIMATELY 1 KILOGRAM (KG) OF COCAINE, AND \$650 USC FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5, IN TEHEHA COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF PACOIMA, CA, AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF HOLLYWOOD, CA, WERE EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION, FROM NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 MERCEDES BENZ, BEARING NO PLATE. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE NARCOTICS, LOCATED IN A SPARE TIRE.

OFFICER SAFETY MESSAGE:



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 DUNCE OF CRACK (28 GRAMS), 1 GRAM 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

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STATE	SEIZURES	FINISHED PRODUCT AMT SEIZED IN GRAMS
ALABAMA	15	1,033
ALASKA	10	73
ARIZONA	266	11,487.7
ARKANSAS	231	2,383.7
CALIFORNIA	97	49,142.4
COLORADO	87	911.1
CONNECTICUT		
DELAWARE		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
FLORIDA	12	687.6
GEORGIA	15	1,528.6
HAWAII		
IDAHO	100	10,909.6
ILLINOIS	80	1,636.6
INDIANA	72	1,937.7
IOWA	246	53.7
KANSAS	114	1,909.9
KENTUCKY	39	926.7
LOUISIANA	5	29
MAINE		
MARYLAND		
MASSACHUSETTS		
MICHIGAN	5	10
MINNESOTA	42	615.1
MISSISSIPPI	34	115
MISSOURI	244	2,919.1
MONTANA	16	206
NEBRASKA	11	177.5
NEVADA	223	5,835.3
NEW HAMPSHIRE		
NEW JERSEY	2	
NEW MEXICO	29	253.1
NEW YORK	1	
NORTH CAROLINA	2	1
NORTH DAKOTA	5	78
OHIO	9	74.2
OKLAHOMA	240	15,633.9
OREGON	7	10,091.5
PENNSYLVANIA	1	2,601.2
RHODE ISLAND		
SOUTH CAROLINA	1	
SOUTH DAKOTA		
TENNESSEE	72	4,508.2
TEXAS	102	2,430.1
UTAH	147	1,737.5
VERMONT		
VIRGINIA	6	12
WASHINGTON	20	184.8
WEST VIRGINIA	3	3
WISCONSIN	4	185
WYOMING	11	132.3
TOTAL	2,626	132,454.1

4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DATA:

A. OF THE 2,626 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 975 RESULTED IN ACTUAL SEIZURES OF FINISHED PRODUCT.

B. OF THE 2,626 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 224 INDICATED THAT CHILDREN WERE PRESENT.

C. OF THE 2,626 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 1,334 WERE CONDUCTED/ASSISTED BY DEA, 1,291 WERE STATE/LOCAL SEIZURES, AND 1 WAS FBI.

D. OF THE 2,626 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 2,105 DIFFERENT PRECURSORS WERE SEIZED.

E. THE LOCATIONS OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 212 COMMERCIAL, 34 INDUSTRIAL, 1,074 RURAL, 631 SUBURBAN, 653 URBAN, AND 22 WITH NO REPORTED LOCATION.

F. SYNTHESIS ROUTES OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 359 EPHEDRINE, 553 EPHEDRINE/PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 822 LITHIUM, 802 PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 14 P2P, AND 76 WITH NO REPORTED SYNTHESIS ROUTE.

6. CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN BE REPORTED TO THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER (EPIC) USING THE NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE REPORT (EPIC FORM 143), WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR LOCAL DEA OFFICE OR BY CALLING THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM.

7. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES, PLEASE CALL THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM TEAM AT [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED]. IF EPIC CAN BE OF FURTHER ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM. THE POINTS OF CONTACT ARE [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT: EPIC WEEKLY NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE
REPORT, FOR THE 1ST WEEK OF OCTOBER 1999.

1. THE INFORMATION IN THIS REPORT IS FOR OFFICIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
USE ONLY AND SHOULD BE HANDLED AND PROTECTED ACCORDINGLY.

2. THIS REPORT PROVIDES GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT RECENT
METHAMPHETAMINE AND AMPHETAMINE CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES
THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES, AS REPORTED TO EPIC. SEIZURES ARE
CREDITED FOR THE PARTICULAR STATE WHERE SEIZURES OCCURRED. THIS
GENERAL INFORMATION MAY BE USEFUL TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES WITH
AN INTEREST IN TRACKING TRAFFICKING TRENDS.

3. TOTAL CY99 STATISTICS, INCLUDING ALL REPORTING TO EPIC, AS OF
OCTOBER 1, 1999, ARE SET FORTH BELOW. IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT
DISCREPANCIES MAY EXIST BETWEEN THE NUMBERS COMPILED/REPORTED BY
EPIC AND THE NUMBERS MAINTAINED BY REPORTING OFFICES, SUCH
DISCREPANCIES MAY BE ATTRIBUTED TO LATE REPORTING TO EPIC OR
FAILURE TO REPORT AT ALL. CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE
INFORMATION REPORTED TO EPIC BY THE WESTERN STATES INFORMATION
NETWORK (WSIN) HAS NOT BEEN INCLUDED IN THESE STATISTICS. THIS IS
DUE TO THE PENDING DATA TRANSFER INTO EPIC'S INTERNAL DATABASE.
PLEASE CONTACT EPIC TO RESOLVE ANY DISCREPANCIES THAT ARE NOTED.

STATE	SEIZURES	FINISHED PRODUCT AMT SEIZED IN GRAMS
ALABAMA	13	1,033
ALASKA	10	73
ARIZONA	256	1,884.2
ARKANSAS	225	2,379.7
CALIFORNIA	98	49,142.4
COLORADO	84	911.1
CONNECTICUT		
DELAWARE		
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA		
FLORIDA	12	687.6
GEORGIA	15	1,528.6
HAWAII		
IDAHO	100	10,909.6
ILLINOIS	76	1,635.6
INDIANA	71	1,900.7
IOWA	243	53.7
KANSAS	108	1,875.4
KENTUCKY	38	926.7
LOUISIANA	5	29
MAINE		
MARYLAND		
MASSACHUSETTS		
MICHIGAN	5	10
MINNESOTA	42	615.1
MISSISSIPPI	33	113
MISSOURI	243	2,901.1
MONTANA	16	206
NEBRASKA	11	177.5
NEVADA	213	5,696.5
NEW HAMPSHIRE		
NEW JERSEY	2	
NEW MEXICO	29	253.1
NEW YORK	1	
NORTH CAROLINA	2	1
NORTH DAKOTA	4	78
OHIO	8	74
OKLAHOMA	221	15,631.9
OREGON	7	10,691.5
PENNSYLVANIA	1	2,601.2
RHODE ISLAND		
SOUTH CAROLINA	1	
SOUTH DAKOTA		
TENNESSEE	68	4,508.2
TEXAS	95	2,306.1
UTAH	147	1,737.5
VERMONT		
VIRGINIA	2	2
WASHINGTON	20	184.8
WEST VIRGINIA	3	3
WISCONSIN	4	185
WYOMING	11	132.3
TOTAL	2,543	122,479.1

4. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT DATA:

A. OF THE 2,543 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 946 RESULTED IN ACTUAL SEIZURES OF FINISHED PRODUCT.

B. OF THE 2,543 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 212 INDICATED THAT CHILDREN WERE PRESENT.

C. OF THE 2,543 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 1,300 WERE CONDUCTED/ASSISTED BY DEA, 1,242 WERE STATE/LOCAL SEIZURES, AND 1 WAS FBI.

D. OF THE 2,543 METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORY SEIZURES REPORTED, 2,029 DIFFERENT PRECURSORS WERE SEIZED.

E. THE LOCATIONS OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 206 COMMERCIAL, 34 INDUSTRIAL, 1,033 RURAL, 617 SUBURBAN, 629 URBAN, AND 24 WITH NO REPORTED LOCATION.

F. SYNTHESIS ROUTES OF METHAMPHETAMINE/AMPHETAMINE LABORATORIES SEIZED WERE REPORTED AS FOLLOWS: 351 EPHEDRINE, 523 EPHEDRINE/PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 799 LITHIUM, 783 PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, 13 P2P, AND 74 WITH NO REPORTED SYNTHESIS ROUTE.

6. CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURES BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CAN BE REPORTED TO THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER (EPIC) USING THE NATIONAL CLANDESTINE LABORATORY SEIZURE REPORT (EPIC FORM 143), WHICH CAN BE OBTAINED FROM YOUR LOCAL DEA OFFICE OR BY CALLING THE EPIC CLANDESTINE LABORATORY PROGRAM.

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.
WEEK ENDING 10/16/99

////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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SEIZURES ARE INCLUDED IF THEY MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA. FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE; ONE HUNDRED (100) KGS OF MARIJUANA; TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN; FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK; ONE (1) KILOGRAM (KG) OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH); AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC AND SATISFYING THE ABOVE CRITERIA SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

ON SEPTEMBER 22 AT 1430 HOURS, THE GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA (CA), POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 10

KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING ON I-10, IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF SANTA ANA, CA, AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF EL MONTE, CA, WERE EN ROUTE TO ROSEMEAD, CA, FROM EL MONTE, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1990 FORD F-150 PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING CA TEMPORARY PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE PSEUDOEPHEDRINE, LOCATED IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP TRUCK.

ON OCTOBER 4 AT 0730 HOURS, THE NEVADA (NV) HIGHWAY PATROL (HP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 3 KGS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80, IN LAUNDER COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF SUNNYVILLE, CA, AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF SAN JOSE, CA, WERE EN ROUTE TO DENVER, COLORADO (CO), FROM SAN JOSE, CA, IN THE PASSENGER'S 1986 MERCURY, BEARING CA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF FIVE PACKAGES OF METH, WHICH WERE WRAPPED IN CLEAR CELLOPHANE AND GRAY DUCT TAPE. THE PACKAGES WERE LOCATED IN THE AIR FILTER COMPARTMENT AND IN THE RIGHT REAR QUARTER PANEL.

ON OCTOBER 7, THE NORTH CAROLINA (NC) HP SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM (KG) OF CRACK COCAINE AND \$16,000 U.S. CURRENCY (USC) AT 1130 HOURS, AT A DRIVER'S LICENSE CHECKPOINT ON I-40 EASTBOUND, IN WAKE COUNTY. TWO MALES WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1994 ACURA TL WITH TEMPORARY VIRGINIA (VA) PLATES. THE ORIGIN AND DESTINATION ARE NOT KNOWN. JUST PRIOR TO THEIR BEING STOPPED AT THE CHECKPOINT, A PERSON IN THE VEHICLE BEHIND THEM OBSERVED ONE OF THE SUBJECTS IN THE ACURA TL THROW A GARBAGE BAG-WRAPPED PACKAGE OUT THE WINDOW. ADDITIONALLY, ONCE AT THE CHECKPOINT, THEY WERE PULLED OVER BECAUSE THE DRIVER DID NOT HAVE A LICENSE. THE DRIVER OF

THE OTHER VEHICLE ALERTED TROOPERS TO THE LITTERBUGS' ACTION, AND THE PACKAGE OF CRACK COCAINE WAS FOUND ALONG THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. A CANINE ALERT, ALONG WITH A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE REVEALED \$16,000 USC INSIDE A TOTE BAG ON THE BACK SEAT. BOTH MALES WERE RESIDENTS OF RALEIGH, NC.

ON OCTOBER 7 AT 1145 HOURS, THE SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS (TX), PD SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1 KG OF METH AND 144 GRAMS (GMS) OF BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING ON A CITY STREET, IN BEXAR COUNTY. THE TWO SUBJECTS, BOTH

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CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE NARCOTICS, WHICH WERE WRAPPED IN CLEAR CELLOPHANE AND BLACK ELECTRICAL TAPE, LOCATED BEHIND THE GLOVE BOX IN THE DASHBOARD.

ON OCTOBER 7 AT 2030 HOURS, THE MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (TN), PD SEIZED 14 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A DOMINICAN MALE TRAVELING ON A CITY STREET, IN SHELBY COUNTY. THE BROOKLYN, NEW YORK (NY), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO A LOCATION IN MEMPHIS, FROM ANOTHER LOCATION WITHIN MEMPHIS, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 FORD EXPLORER, BEARING FLORIDA (FL) PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, [REDACTED]

ON OCTOBER 9, AT 0313 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA (LA) STATE POLICE (SP) SEIZED 1,462 KGS OF MARIJUANA ON I-12 EASTBOUND IN TANGIPAHDA PARISH. A MEXICAN MALE WAS DRIVING A 1983 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, TOWING A 1970 TAR TANK TRAILER, EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA (GA), FROM MCALLEN, TX. BOTH VEHICLES HAD TX PLATES, AND WERE COMMERCIALY-OWNED. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF HOUSTON, TX. THE TRACTOR TRAILER WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THREE PEOPLE IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1974 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN, WHICH ALSO HAD TX PLATES. THE OWNER OF [REDACTED]

ON OCTOBER 10 AT 0827 HOURS, THE LA SP SEIZED 5 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-12, IN TANGIPAHOLA PARISH. THE HOUSTON, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MISSISSIPPI (MS), FROM HOUSTON, IN A RENTED 1999 FORD F250 PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, LOCATED

IN TWO BATTERY CHARGERS IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP TRUCK.

ON OCTOBER 10 AT 1215 HOURS, THE CO SP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 2 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING NORTHBOUND IN I-76, IN MORGAN COUNTY. THE CORONA, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NORTH PLATT, NEBRASKA (NE), FROM CORONA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 CHRYSLER CIRrus, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS WRAPPED IN DUCT TAPE, LOCATED INSIDE THE PASSENGER SIDE AIR BAG COMPARTMENT.

ON OCTOBER 11 AT 2236 HOURS, THE AZ DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED 14,066 DOSAGE UNITS (DU) OF EPHEDRINE FROM THREE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON S.R. 79, IN PINAL COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF APACHE JUNCTION, AZ, FEMALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF PHOENIX, AZ, AND SECOND FEMALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF TEMPE, AZ, WERE EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX, FROM TUCSON, AZ, IN A RENTED UHAUL VAN.

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BEARING NY PLATES. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE UNLAW VAN
LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE EPHEDRINE, LOCATED IN THE CARGO
AREA OF THE VAN. THE EPHEDRINE WAS STILL IN THE COMMERCIAL
PACKAGING.

ON OCTOBER 13 AT 1230 HOURS, THE 20TH JUDICIAL DRUG TASK
FORCE (TF), NASHVILLE, TN, SEIZED \$154,000 USC FROM THREE
MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-40, IN DAVIDSON COUNTY. THE
DRIVER AND PASSENGER, BOTH RESIDENTS OF NEW BRIGHTON,
PENNSYLVANIA (PA), AND OTHER PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF
ALQUIPPA, PA, WERE EN ROUTE TO MS, FROM NEW BRIGHTON, IN A
PRIVATELY-OWNED 1998 BUICK REGAL, BEARING PA PLATES. THE
REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH
OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, LOCATED IN A
SPORTS BAG ON THE FRONT PASSENGER SIDE FLOORBOARD, AND IN A
"NIKE" SHOEDOX IN THE TRUNK.

ON OCTOBER 14 AT 0950 HOURS, THE DELAWARE (DE) SP SEIZED
APPROXIMATELY 7 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A COLOMBIAN MALE AND A
PERUVIAN MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-75, IN NEW CASTLE
COUNTY. THE TWO LONG ISLAND, NY, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO
EITHER WASHINGTON D.C. OR ALEXANDRIA, VA, FROM NEW YORK, NY,
IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1987 CADILLAC, BEARING NY PLATES. THE
REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A
DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE
VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF SEVEN PACKAGES OF COCAINE,
WHICH WERE MARKED WITH THE LETTER "D", LOCATED INSIDE THE
REAR SEAT.

ON OCTOBER 14 AT 2210 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 5 KGS OF
COCAINE FROM TWO GUATEMALAN MALES TRAVELING ON U.S. 59, IN
PANOLA COUNTY. THE TWO GUATEMALA RESIDENTS, WERE EN ROUTE
TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (IL), FROM DROWNVILLE, TX, IN A RENTED
2000 DODGE STRATUS, BEARING TX PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-
DETECTION CANINE ALERT,
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ON OCTOBER 15 AT 0349 HOURS, THE MARYLAND (MD) SP SEIZED 152
GMS OF COLOMBIAN HEROIN FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING
SOUTHBOUND ON I-95, IN BALTIMORE COUNTY. THE WILMINGTON,
NC, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NC, FROM NY, IN A PRIVATELY-
OWNED 1991 HONDA ACCORD, BEARING NC PLATES. THE REGISTERED
OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH
OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 400 PACKAGES OF
COLOMBIAN HEROIN, LOCATED ON THE BACK SEAT OF THE VEHICLE.
THE PACKAGES WERE MARKED WITH THE PHRASE "RESCUE 911", AND
THEN PLACED IN A LARGER BAG WITH A HAND-DRAWN PICTURE OF AN
AMBULANCE ON IT.

ON OCTOBER 15 AT 2239 HOURS, THE SOUTHAVEN AND HORNLAKE, MS, POLICE DEPARTMENTS SEIZED 2 KGS OF METH FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING ON A CITY STREET, IN DEBOTO COUNTY. THE THREE SOUTHAVEN, MS, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1999 FORD F350 PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING MS PLATES. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE TRUCK LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND IN FOUR TUPPERWARE CONTAINERS LOCATED IN A BAG.

IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE TWO PASSENGERS, BOTH RELATIVES OF THE DRIVER, MAY BE LIVING WITH THE DRIVER AND

HIS FAMILY. THE DRIVER IS A LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT OF THE U.S., BUT ORIGINALLY FROM MEXICO. THE TWO PASSENGERS MAY BE ILLEGAL ALIENS FROM MEXICO. ONE OF THE PASSENGERS HAD A FALSE INS GREEN-CARD.

ON OCTOBER 16 AT 1018 HOURS, THE LA SP SEIZED 43,000 DU OF VALIUM FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-20, IN WEBSTER PARISH. THE TWO LAREDO, TX, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA (IN), FROM LAREDO, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 FORD MOTORHOME, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF SEVEN 1-GALLON SIZE PLASTIC BAGS OF VALIUM.

ON OCTOBER 17 AT 2200 HOURS, THE MISSOURI (MO) HP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 179 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44, IN FRANKLIN COUNTY. THE HART,

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MICHIGAN (MI), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PHARR, TX, FROM CHICAGO, IL, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1997 KENWORTH TRACTOR, TOWING A 1987 UTILITY TRAILER. THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER BOTH BORE TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE TRACTOR TRAILER WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF LINES.

ON OCTOBER 18 AT 0630 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA (OK) HP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 46 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A FEMALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-35, IN OKLAHOMA COUNTY. THE SUBJECT, A RESIDENT OF MX, WAS EN ROUTE TO TULSA, OK, FROM MX, IN A 2000 DODGE NEON, BEARING MX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE FLOOR COMPARTMENT.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH NOT REPORTED IN THIS TELETYPE, SEIZURES OF OVER 1 POUND OF COCAINE (454 GRAMS), 16 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA (4,546 GRAMS), 1 POUND OF CRACK (28 GRAMS), 1 GRAM 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 SEIZURE REPORTS RECEIVED AT EPIC.

IF EPIC CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, AT [REDACTED] VIA TELETYPE. POC IS [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] UNIT CHIEF.

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D. INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM DEA TACOMA, WASHINGTON, INDICATES THAT A TRAFFICKING GROUP FROM TACOMA WAS USING 1990 TO 1993 FORD THUNDERBIRDS WITH V-6 (3.6 LITER) ENGINES TO TRANSPORT MEXICAN HEROIN FROM GUADALAJARA, JALISCO, TO TACOMA. THE HEROIN WAS CONCEALED UNDER THE INTAKE MANIFOLD OF THE VEHICLES. THE WASHINGTON-LICENSED VEHICLES WERE REGISTERED TO THE DRIVER TO LESSEN SUSPICION FROM LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AT THE POES OR CHECKPOINTS. BEFORE THIS CASE CLOSED IN JULY 1999, THIS TRAFFICKING GROUP ALLEGEDLY SNUGGLED APPROXIMATELY 100 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN INTO THE TACOMA AREA USING THIS CONCEALMENT METHOD.

4. OTHER CONCEALMENT LOCATIONS

SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS OF HEROIN HAVE ALSO BEEN DISCOVERED INSIDE OTHER SMALL VOIDS IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT OF VEHICLES ENCOUNTERED IN THE SOUTHWEST BORDER AREA. IN LATE MAY, USCS INSPECTORS AT THE SAN YSIDRO, CALIFORNIA, POE SEIZED ALMOST 4 KILOGRAMS OF

MEXICAN HEROIN FROM A 1984 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO. THE HEROIN WAS DISCOVERED INSIDE THE FAN MOTOR HOUSING COVER AFTER INSPECTORS NOTICED THAT THE HEATER COIL HAD BEEN TAMPERED WITH IN EARLY MAY.

POE SEIZED OVER 1 KILOGRAM OF MEXICAN HEROIN CONCEALED IN THE AIR-FILTER COMPARTMENT OF A 1992 OLDSMOBILE ACHIEVA WITH TEXAS PLATES.

5. CONCLUSION

THERE HAVE BEEN RELATIVELY FEW SOUTHWEST BORDER SEIZURES OF HEROIN INVOLVING CONCEALMENT LOCATIONS IN VEHICLES. DURING FY99, 26 MEXICAN HEROIN SEIZURES (GREATER THAN 100 GRAMS) WERE MADE FROM PERSONAL VEHICLES AT THE POES ALONG THE SOUTHWEST BORDER. AT LEAST 30 PERCENT OF THE SEIZURE INCIDENTS WERE A RESULT OF PRIOR INTELLIGENCE. AN ADDITIONAL 31 PERCENT OF THE SEIZURE INCIDENTS INVOLVED THE SEIZURE OF ANOTHER DRUG (MARIJUANA, COCAINE, OR METHAMPHETAMINE). THE PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS OF THE OTHER DRUG REQUIRED A LARGER CONCEALMENT LOCATION CAPACITY AND THUS LED TO DETECTION OF THE HEROIN AS WELL. ALTHOUGH MEXICAN HEROIN SEIZURES FROM THESE CONCEALMENT LOCATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE PREDOMINATELY IN CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA,

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 10/23/99

****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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SEIZURES ARE INCLUDED IF THEY MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE, ONE HUNDRED (100) KGS OF MARIJUANA, TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN, FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK, ONE (1) KILOGRAM (KG) OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH), AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC AND SATISFYING THE ABOVE CRITERIA SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

ON SEPTEMBER 20 AT 1645 HOURS, THE FORT WORTH, TEXAS (TX), POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD) SEIZED 319 GRAMS (GMS) OF BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM TWO FEMALES TRAVELING ON A CITY STREET, IN TARRANT COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF SAN ANGELO, TX, AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF FORT WORTH, WERE EN ROUTE TO A LOCATION IN FORT WORTH, FROM ANOTHER LOCATION WITHIN FORT WORTH, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1997 NISSAN PATHFINDER, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SAFETY FRISK OF THE PASSENGER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF ONE PACKAGE OF BLACK TAR HEROIN, CONTAINING NINE GOLF BALL SIZE PACKAGES WRAPPED IN BLACK ELECTRICAL TAPE.

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ON OCTOBER 8 AT 1630 HOURS, THE NORTHEAST TX TASK FORCE (TF) SEIZED NINE KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-30, IN MORRIS COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF SAGINAW, MICHIGAN (MI), AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (IL), WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, FROM HOUSTON, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1991 CHEVROLET CAPRICE, BEARING IL PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT.

ON OCTOBER 8 AT 1745 HOURS, THE MISSOURI (MO) HIGHWAY PATROL (HP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 122 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44, IN GREEN COUNTY. THE FONTANA, CALIFORNIA (CA), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY (NJ), FROM SALINAS, CA, IN HIS 1966 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, TOWING A 1991 GREAT DANE TRAILER. THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER BOTH BORE OKLAHOMA (OK) PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA LOCATED IN DUFFEL BAGS.

ON OCTOBER 13 AT 0040 HOURS, THE NEW MEXICO (NM) STATE POLICE (SP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY TWO KGS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN CIBOLA COUNTY. THE MEXICO (MX) RESIDENT, WAS EN ROUTE TO DENVER, COLORADO (CO), FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN HIS 1991 DODGE, BEARING TEMPORARY PLATES.

ON OCTOBER 13 AT 0056 HOURS, THE CO SP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY THREE KGS OF METH FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70, IN MESA COUNTY. THE SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH (UT), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO GRAND JUNCTION, UT, FROM SALT LAKE CITY, UT, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1987 TOYOTA, BEARING UT PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND IN FALSE COMPARTMENTS BUILT INSIDE THE ARMRESTS.

ON OCTOBER 13, AT 1710 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY TWO KGS OF METH FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON A CITY STREET, IN ORANGE COUNTY. THE TWO SANTA ANA, CA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO A LOCATION IN SANTA ANA, FROM ANOTHER LOCATION WITHIN SANTA ANA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1986 LINCOLN TOWN CAR, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, LOCATED BEHIND THE DRIVER'S SEAT.

ON OCTOBER 15, THE UT HP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 254 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70, IN SEVIER COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA (PA), AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF PROVO, UT, WERE EN ROUTE TO PHILADELPHIA, FROM SAN DIEGO, CA, IN A RENTED 1997 FORD RYDER TRUCK, BEARING FLORIDA (FL) PLATES.

ON OCTOBER 15 AT 0200 HOURS, THE TX DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 112 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-45, IN DALLAS COUNTY. THE TWO SUNLAND PARK, NM, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TX, FROM HOUSTON, TX, IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1988 PETERBILT TRACTOR, TOWING A 1976 DELAVA TRAILER. THE TRACTOR BORE TX PLATES, AND THE TRAILER BORE OK PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TRACTOR LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED BENEATH THE BED IN THE TRACTOR'S SLEEPER COMPARTMENT. DIESEL FUEL WAS USED TO MASK THE ODOR OF THE COCAINE.

ON OCTOBER 15 AT 1000 HOURS, THE SUMTER COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA (SC), SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1,700 GMS OF CRACK COCAINE AND \$1,460 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM THREE HAITIAN MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-95. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF NAPLES, FL, PASSENGER, ALSO A RESIDENT OF NAPLES, AND SECOND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF LAKE PARK, FL, WERE EN ROUTE TO BENSON, NORTH CAROLINA (NC), FROM NAPLES, FL, IN THE DRIVER'S 1992 TOYOTA CAMRY, BEARING FL PLATES. A SAFETY FRISK OF ONE OF THE PASSENGERS LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CRACK COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN TWO PACKAGES DANGLING DOWN FROM THE PASSENGER'S UNDERPANTS. ONE PACKAGE WAS WRAPPED IN GRAY DUCT TAPE, AND THE OTHER WAS INSIDE A TUBE SOCK.

ON OCTOBER 15 AT 1045 HOURS, THE MARYLAND (MD) SP SEIZED 59 GMS OF CRACK COCAINE, 64 GMS OF AN UNKNOWN TYPE OF WHITE HEROIN, AND \$217 USC FROM TWO MALE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95, IN CECIL COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF THE BRONX, NEW YORK (NY), AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF ELMHURST, NY, WERE EN ROUTE TO VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA (VA), FROM THE BRONX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 CHEVROLET IMPALA, BEARING WASHINGTON (WA) PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE NARCOTICS, WHICH WERE FOUND INSIDE A BAG LOCATED ON THE BACK SEAT.

ON OCTOBER 15 AT 2115 HOURS, THE NEBRASKA (NE) STATE PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY FIVE KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-80, IN LANCASTER COUNTY. THE TWO MONTE, CA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CA, FROM OMAHA, NE, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 FORD CONTOUR, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, LOCATED BEHIND THE PASSENGER SIDE AIR BAG.

ON OCTOBER 19 AT 0600 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA (LA) SP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 240 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-20, IN BOSSIER PARISH. THE TWO ATHENS, TENNESSEE (TN), RESIDENTS WERE POSSIBLY EN ROUTE TO TN, FROM EL PASO, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 FORD ECONOLINE VAN, BEARING TN PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT.

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ON OCTOBER 19, THE LA SP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 733 KGS. OF MARIJUANA ON I-10 EASTBOUND IN ST. MARTIN PARISH, AT 1012 HOURS. A MEXICAN MALE WAS DRIVING A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1990 KENWORTH TRACTOR, TOWING A 1994 TRIMLINE REFRIGERATED TRAILER, BOTH BEARING TX PLATES, WHEN STOPPED FOR FOLLOWING TOO CLOSELY. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF MERCEDES, TX, AND IS A LEGAL PERMANENT RESIDENT. HE WAS TRAVELING TO SAVANNAH, GEORGIA (GA), FROM MERCEDES. THERE WERE NO APPARENT VIOLATIONS WITH THE LOGBOOK. THE TROOPER RECEIVED CONSENT TO SEARCH THE TRAILER. WHEN OPENED, IT WAS NOTED THAT THE REFRIGERATED TRAILER WAS NOT WORKING PROPERLY, AND SEEMED WARMER THAN THE 50 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT REQUIRED TO KEEP THE LOAD OF ORANGES FROM ROTTING. AN INSPECTION OF THE ORANGES (WHICH WERE IN CARDBOARD BOXES) REVEALED THAT THEY WERE SMASHED AND BRUISED, AND OVERLY RIPE. A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF THE TRAILER REVEALED THE MARIJUANA AMONG THE LOAD OF ORANGES IN THE TRAILER.

ON OCTOBER 20 AT 1000 HOURS, THE CO SP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY TWO KGS OF METH FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-25, IN PUEBLO COUNTY. THE TIJUANA, MX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO DENVER, CO, FROM MX, IN HIS 1994 MERCURY COUGAR, BEARING MX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, LOCATED IN THE AIR FILTER. GREASE WAS USED TO MASK THE ODOR OF THE METH.

ON OCTOBER 20 AT 2330 HOURS, THE OK HP SEIZED \$129,040 USC FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-35, IN OKLAHOMA COUNTY. THE WEST PLAINS, MO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO EITHER ALBUQUERQUE, NM, OR LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (NV), FROM MO, IN HIS 1994 FORD PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING MO PLATES. A

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THE VEHICLE ALSO HAD A FALSE FLOOR COMPARTMENT, BUT IT WAS NOT BEING USED AT THE TIME.

ON OCTOBER 21 AT 0236 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY FOUR KGS OF METH FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5, IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY. THE WOODLAND, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SACRAMENTO, CA, FROM BAKERFIELD, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1988 BUICK SKYLARK, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF SEVEN PACKAGES OF METH, LOCATED UNDER THE REAR SEAT.

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS BEING PROVIDE FOR
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ACCORDINGLY. THIS UNSOLICITED TELETYPE CONCERNS THE SEIZURE
OF DRUGS AND RELATED PROCEEDS FROM COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLES
(CMV) ON HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES BY
FEDERAL STATE, AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. THE
SEIZURES OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF TRAFFIC STOPS OR LICENSE AND
WEIGHT (L&W) INSPECTIONS. IMMIGRATION AND NATURALIZATION SERVICE
AND BORDER PATROL (INS/BP) CHECKPOINTS AND SOME UNITED STATES
PORT-OF-ENTRY (POE) SEIZURES ARE INCLUDED.

THIS IS THE SEVENTH IN A SERIES OF MONTHLY INTELLIGENCE
MESSAGES COVERING SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL SEIZURES MEETING OR
EXCEEDING THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: 45.5 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF
COCAINE OR MARIJUANA; 28 GRAMS OF HEROIN; 1 KGS OF
METHAMPHETAMINE (METH); AND \$100,000 UNITED STATES CURRENCY
(USC). LATE SEIZURES WILL BE DISSEMINATED IN SUCCEEDING
TELETYPES. THIS DATA IS SELECTED TO ENHANCE AND SUBSTANTIATE

THE ANALYSIS OF DRUG TRAFFICKING TRENDS/PATTERNS INVOLVING
CMV UTILIZATION IN THE MOVEMENT OF CONTRABAND.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSIONS:

	TRAFFIC/L&W STOPS		CHECKPOINT STOPS	
	JUL 98	JUL 99	JUL 98	JUL 99
INCIDENTS:	11	21 (15 MAJOR)	22	31
MARIJUANA:	9 (\$1,424)	12 (\$2,258)	21 (\$7,735)	28 (\$9,549)
COCAINE:	1 (\$146)	3 (\$87)	2 (\$96)	3 (\$762)
HEROIN:	1 (\$1)	6	NONE REPORTED	
METH:	0	1 (\$1.2)	NONE REPORTED	
USC:	1 (\$537,446)	4 (\$185,486)	NONE REPORTED	
	(DRUGS IN KGS)			

ALL SEIZURES INCREASED FROM THE PREVIOUS JULY 1998 (JUL
98) EXCEPT USC, WHICH WAS SPORADIC FOR THE YEAR. JUL 98 HAD
A TOTAL OF 11 STOPS. BUT ALL WERE SIGNIFICANT. FOR JUL 99,
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DESTINATION:

	JUL 98	JUL 99
	INCIDENTS	
FL	1 (9 PERCENT)	2 (10 PERCENT)
CA	6	2 (10 PERCENT)
IL	1 (9 PERCENT)	4 (20 PERCENT)
IN	1 (9 PERCENT)	0
LA	0	1 (5 PERCENT)
MD	1 (9 PERCENT)	0
NJ	1 (9 PERCENT)	0
NY	2 (18 PERCENT)	2 (10 PERCENT)
PA	0	1 (5 PERCENT)
OH	1 (9 PERCENT)	1 (5 PERCENT)
TN	0	1 (5 PERCENT)
SC	1 (9 PERCENT)	0
TX	0	3 (15 PERCENT)

MARIJUANA

IL	313 KGS (22 PERCENT)	1,493 KGS (36 PERCENT)
NY	327 KGS (23 PERCENT)	1,052 KGS (27 PERCENT)
FL	178 KGS (13 PERCENT)	215 KGS (6 PERCENT)
MD	152 KGS (11 PERCENT)	0
NJ	167 KGS (12 PERCENT)	0
SC	144 KGS (10 PERCENT)	0
OH	54 KGS (4 PERCENT)	0
IN	78 KGS (5 PERCENT)	0
LA	0	70 KGS (2 PERCENT)
TX	0	659 KGS (17 PERCENT)

ORIGIN MARIJUANA:

MOST MARIJUANA LOADS ORIGINATED IN TEXAS (TX) (64 PERCENT AT 3,305 KGS) AS IN JUL 98 (40 PERCENT AT 569 KGS). CALIFORNIA (CA) LOADS FELL BY 456 KGS FOR JUL 99. THERE WERE

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TWO SEIZURES DISCOVERED IN FALSE COMPARTMENTS OF TRAILERS.
MOST SEIZURES WERE FOUND IN THE TRAILER (90 PERCENT AT 3,513
KGS). WITH 402 KGS (10 PERCENT) INSIDE THE CAB.

JUL COCAINE:

	JUL 98	JUL 99
NY	146 KGS (100 PERCENT)	0
IL	0	173 KGS (22 PERCENT)
PA	0	614 KGS (78 PERCENT)

JUL 99 METH:

THERE WAS ONE METH SEIZURE (1.2 KGS) ON 7/10/99 IN AR.
EASTBOUND (EB) ON I-46, EN ROUTE TO TENNESSEE (TN) FROM CA.

JUL CURRENCY:

ABOUT 98 PERCENT OF THE CURRENCY SEIZED WAS EN ROUTE
BACK TO THE TEXAS/MEXICO (MX) BORDER IN JUL 99. THERE WERE
ONLY TWO SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES IN BOTH YEARS. ABOUT 76
PERCENT OF THE CURRENCY SEIZED HAD DRIVERS FROM NEW MEXICO
(NM). AND 28 PERCENT FROM TX.

SEIZURES/CONCEALMENT:

ON JULY 1, INS/DP AGENTS AT THE SARITA, TX, CHECKPOINT
SEIZED 1,324 KGS OF MARIJUANA DISCOVERED IN A 1999 MONON
TRAILER, WITH TENNESSEE (TN) PLATES, BEING PULLED BY A TX-
PLATED 1990 PETERBILT TRACTOR, NORTHBOUND (NB) ON U.S. 77.
THE PACKAGES WERE EITHER WRAPPED IN BROWN PACKING TAPE WITH
THE LETTER 'G,' OR CLEAR CELLOPHANE SPRAY-PAINTED RED. THE
DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF HOUSTON, TX.

ON JULY 3, MARYLAND (MD) POLICE DEPARTMENT (P.D.),

DERMANTOWN, MD, OFFICERS OBSERVED TWO INDIVIDUALS UNLOADING
MARIJUANA BUNDLES FROM A TRACTOR-TRAILER RIG (NFI) INTO THE
TRUNK OF A CAR. ABOUT 34 KGS OF MARIJUANA WERE SEIZED. A
SUBSEQUENT INVESTIGATION REVEALED THAT THE TRUCK COMPANY
OWNER HAD JAMAICAN TIES AND WAS TRANSPORTING COCAINE AND
MARIJUANA TO THE NORTHEAST AND FLORIDA (FL). THE COMPANIES
WERE USED TO LAUNDER DRUG PROCEEDS. THE JAMAICAN DRIVER WAS A
RESIDENT OF CATHERSBOURNE, MD.

ON JULY 3, A TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (TXDPS) OFFICER, STOPPED A 1993 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR WITH NM PLATES, WESTBOUND (WB) ON U.S. 59, EN ROUTE TO PHARR OR MCALLEN, TX, FROM ALABAMA (AL), AND DISCOVERED \$128,849 HIDDEN INSIDE A CARDBOARD BOX IN THE SLEEPER COMPARTMENT OF THE CAB. A K-9 ALERTED TO THE CURRENCY. THE COMPANY IS BASED IN ARTESIA, NEW MEXICO (NM), AND THE DRIVER AND PASSENGERS WERE RESIDENTS OF ARTESIA.

ON JULY 3, TXDPS OFFICERS SEIZED 167 KGS OF COCAINE DISCOVERED IN A 1989 TIMPTE TRAILER PULLED BY A 1994 CONVENTIONAL TRACTOR (NFI), BOTH WITH CA PLATES, EB ON I-20, EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM EL PASO, TX. THE MARIJUANA BUNDLES WERE FOUND WITHIN NINE CARDBOARD BOXES HIDDEN BY A LOAD OF PALLETS NEAR THE NOSE AND WERE MARKED WITH EITHER THE LETTER "P" OR A CARTOON CHARACTER (NFI). THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF POMONA, CA, AND THE PASSENGER A RESIDENT OF CORONA, CA. THE COMPANY AND OWNER WERE BASED IN FONTANA, CA.

ON JULY 4, PUTNAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICERS, INDIANA (IN), STOPPED A 1988 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR PULLING A 1982 REEFER TRAILER (NFI), BOTH WITH TX PLATES, EB ON I-70, EN ROUTE TO PHILADELPHIA, PA, FROM PLANO, TX. OFFICERS DISCOVERED 614 KGS OF COCAINE WITHIN BROWN BOXES STACKED ON

PALLETS. THERE WERE NO MARKINGS ON THE PACKAGES. THE DRIVER AND PASSENGER WERE RESIDENTS OF LAREDO, TX. A CRIMINAL ASSOCIATE, NOT PRESENT, IS A RESIDENT OF BRYAN, TX. THE FOLLOWING INDICATORS LED TO THE SEIZURE AND ARREST OF BOTH SUSPECTS:

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SHIPPING DOCUMENTS WERE INCOMPLETE, HASTILY HANDWRITTEN AND UNCLEAR AS TO DEPARTURE AND DESTINATION LOCATIONS. THE LOG BOOK RECORD SHOWED A HOUSTON, TX, COMPANY WHOSE PHONE WAS DISCONNECTED. THE MANIFEST SHOWED A SHIPMENT OF CORN SNACKS WHICH WAS INCONSISTENT FOR THE REEFER TO BE ACTIVE. THE BOXES INSIDE THE TRAILER WERE NOT CLOSED OR SEALED. A K-9 ALERTED TO THE REAR DOOR AND THE TRAILER DRAIN HOLE.

ON JULY 5 INS/BP AGENTS ALAMOGORDO, NM, SEIZED 120 KGS OF MARIJUANA DISCOVERED IN A 1998 PETERBILT TRACTOR TOWING A TRAILER (NFI), BOTH WITH CALIFORNIA (CA) PLATES, NB ON U.S. 54. THE BUNDLES WERE FOUND INSIDE A BOX AND SEVERAL TRASH BAGS INSIDE THE SLEEPER COMPARTMENT. THE DRIVER AND PASSENGER WERE RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES, CA.

ON JULY 10, TXDPS OFFICERS SEIZED 116 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A 1995 ISUZU FLATBED TRUCK, BEARING TX PLATES, TRAVELING NB ON I-35. THE BUNDLES WERE DISCOVERED UNDER A TARP BETWEEN THE CAB AND A GENERATOR ON THE FLATBED. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF ALAMO, TX. THE OWNER IS ALSO FROM ALAMO.

ON JULY 13, MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL (MOHP) OFFICERS SEIZED 1,239 KGS OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED IN THE FRONT WALL OF A 1984 UTILITY TRAILER PULLED BY A 1969 KENWORTH TRACTOR, BOTH WITH TX PLATES. THE VEHICLE WAS TRAVELING NB ON I-55,

EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM MCALLEN, TX. A K-9 DETECTED THE CONTRABAND. THE DRIVER WAS PAID \$30,000 TO DELIVER THE MARIJUANA. AN UNSUCCESSFUL CONTROLLED DELIVERY WAS ATTEMPTED IN CHICAGO. A LEGITIMATE LOAD OF LIMES WAS FOUND IN THE TRAILER. THE DRIVER AND PASSENGER WERE RESIDENTS OF WESLACO, TX. THE OWNER IS BASED OUT OF MISSION, TX. ANOTHER TRUCKING COMPANY NAME WAS LISTED ON THE CAS AND IS BASED OUT OF PHARR, TX. THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (DOT) NUMBER WAS VALID FOR THE COMPANY.

ON JULY 13, GEORGIA STATE POLICE (GASP) OFFICERS STOPPED A 1999 PETERBILT TRUCK PULLING A 1998 UTILITY REEFER TRAILER, BOTH WITH TX PLATES, SOUTHBOUND (SB) ON I-85, EN ROUTE TO MCALLEN, TX, FROM EVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS (MA). USC IN THE AMOUNT OF \$52,400 WAS FOUND INSIDE A LAUNDRY BAG IN THE SLEEPER COMPARTMENT. THE TRAILER ALSO HAD AN ADDITIONAL OREGON (OR) PLATE AND WAS LOADED WITH A LEGITIMATE SHIPMENT OF CODFISH. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF GIDDINGS, TX. THE DRIVER WAS PAID \$906 TO TRANSPORT THE USC, WHICH HE CLAIMED HE PICKED UP AT A TRUCK STOP IN NORTH CAROLINA (NC). THE TRUCKING COMPANY IS BASED IN PHARR, TX.

ON JULY 13, ARKANSAS (ARHP) STATE POLICE OFFICERS STOPPED A 1997 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR PULLING A 1995 HYUNDAI TRAILER, BOTH WITH TN PLATES, EB ON I-40, EN ROUTE TO SELMER, TN, FROM FONTANA, CA, FOR A SAFETY INSPECTION. OFFICERS DISCOVERED 1 KG OF METH WITHIN AN OUTSIDE TOOL BOX ON THE PASSENGER SIDE OF THE TRACTOR. THE DRIVER WAS BELIEVED TO BE INNOCENT. A CONTROLLED DELIVERY NETTED ONE ARREST, THE SEIZURE OF A PICKUP TRUCK AND \$6,606 USC. THE RIC WAS NOT SEIZED. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF BOLIVAR, TN, AND WAS DRIVING FOR A COMPANY BASED IN WHITEVILLE, TN.

ON JULY 14, INS/BP AGENTS AT THE LAREDO, TX, CHECKPOINT SEIZED 596 KGS OF COCAINE DISCOVERED IN A 1998 TRAILER (NFI) BEING TOWED BY A 1999 KENWORTH TRACTOR, BOTH WITH MO PLATES, NB ON I-35. A K-9 ALERTED TO THE CONTRABAND. THE COCAINE BUNDLES WERE WRAPPED IN BROWN PACKING TAPE AND WERE CONCEALED IN AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE SHIPMENT OF CERAMIC TILES. SOME OF THE BUNDLES WERE MARKED WITH THE LETTER 'X' OR THEIR BUNDLE NUMBER. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF CLEVELAND, TX.

ON JULY 15, USCS INSPECTORS AT THE OTAY MESA, CA, POE SEIZED 1,036 KGS OF MARIJUANA DISCOVERED IN A 1988 FREUHAUF TRAILER BEING TOWED BY A 1985 KENWORTH TRACTOR, BOTH WITH CA PLATES. THE 682 BUNDLES, WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC AND MASKED WITH OIL, WERE WITHIN BOXES COMMINGLED WITH AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF FURNITURE. THE BUNDLES WERE MARKED WITH THE LETTERS 'S,' 'J,' OR THE MEXICAN WORD FOR BOX, 'CAJAS', HANDWRITTEN IN BLACK MARKER. THE DRIVER, A MEXICAN NATIONAL, WAS A RESIDENT OF TIJUANA, MX.

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ON JULY 16, GASP OFFICERS STOPPED A 1995 TOYOTA U-HAUL TRUCK, WITH WYOMING PLATES, SB ON I-95, EN ROUTE TO ORLANDO, FL, FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK (NY). OFFICERS DISCOVERED 192 KGS OF MARIJUANA IN FOUR U-HAUL CARDBOARD BOXES IN THE CARGO AREA. THE DRIVER, AN EL PASO RESIDENT, WAS CONTRACTED TO DRIVE TO NY

ON 7/11/99. HE WAS INSTRUCTED TO RENT A VEHICLE, PICK UP THE MARIJUANA, DELIVER IT TO FL AND THEN RETURN TO EL PASO VIA COMMERCIAL

AIR. THE OWNER OF THE MARIJUANA, WHO WAS ARRESTED WHILE ESCORTING THE DRIVER IN A PICKUP TRUCK, PAID DRIVER \$5,000 FOR THE TRIP.

ON JULY 16, INS/BF AGENTS AT THE SIERRA BLANCA, TX, CHECKPOINT SEIZED 903 KGS OF MARIJUANA DISCOVERED IN A 1989 FREUHAUF TRAILER BEING TOWED BY A 1985 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, BOTH WITH TX PLATES. THE MARIJUANA BUNDLES, WRAPPED IN CLEAR CELLOPHANE AND PACKING TAPE, WERE WITHIN BOXES COMMINGLED WITH AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF FURNITURE (SEE 7/15/99 ABOVE). THE BOXES WERE MARKED WITH "GAR," "S1," "S2," "S3," "X3," OR THE MEXICAN WORD FOR FAT "CORDO" HANDWRITTEN IN BLACK MARKER. THE DRIVER AND PASSENGER WERE BOTH MEXICAN NATIONALS AND RESIDENTS OF CIUDAD JUAREZ, MX.

ON JULY 17, ILLINOIS STATE POLICE (ILSP) OFFICERS SEIZED 286 KGS OF MARIJUANA DISCOVERED WITHIN 14 CARDBOARD BOXES

INSIDE A MAINE (ME)-LICENSED 1992 GREAT DANE TRAILER BEING PULLED BY MARYLAND (MD)-LICENSED 1989 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR, NB ON I-55, POSSIBLY EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL. THE MARIJUANA BOXES WERE COMMINGLED WITH AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE SHIPMENT OF ONIONS. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF NORTH LAUDERDALE, FL, AND WAS EXTREMELY NERVOUS. CONFLICTING STORIES FROM THE DRIVER AND A PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF HAYTTSVILLE, MD, RESULTED IN A K-9 SEARCH, WHICH DETECTED THE PRESENT OF MARIJUANA IN THE TRAILER. THE DRIVER WAS STOPPED FOR AN INSPECTION IN IL ON 7/26/99.

DOT INFORMATION SHOWS BOTH SUSPECTS DRIVING FOR THE COMPANY WITH INSPECTIONS IN IL, FL, PENNSYLVANIA (PA) AND NC. THE COMPANY HAS 19 PERMITS FOR VARIOUS CARGO TYPES, BUT ONLY HAS TWO TRACTORS, ONE TRAILER AND THREE DRIVERS. ALL THREE DRIVERS HAVE THE SAME LAST NAME AND ARE JAMAICAN.

THE PASSENGER WAS ARRESTED BY THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) ON 7/25/98, WITH 152 KGS OF MARIJUANA, IN SAN BERNARDINO, CA, WHILE DRIVING A TRACTOR-TRAILER RIG FROM CARSON, CA, EN ROUTE TO HYATTSVILLE, MD. THE 1996 UTILITY TRAILER HAD A FALSE COMPARTMENT, BUT WAS NOT SEIZED AT THE TIME. A LOAD OF FRUIT WAS USED AS A COVER LOAD. BOTH SUSPECTS ARE JAMAICAN AND ARE BROTHERS. THE SAME COMPANY OWNED BOTH TRUCKS IN BOTH SEIZURES. ANOTHER DRIVER LISTED BY THE COMPANY IS A KNOWN JAMAICAN TRAFFICKER. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF THIS WAS THE SAME TRAILER USED IN BOTH SEIZURES.

ON JULY 19 USCS, INSPECTORS AT THE CALEXICO, CA, POE SEIZED 109 KGS OF COCAINE DISCOVERED IN A 1985 FREUHAUF TRAILER BEING TOWED BY A 1987 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, BOTH WITH CA PLATES. THE BUNDLES, WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE, PACKING TAPE, CARBON PAPER AND SOME WITH YELLOW RUBBER, WERE COMMINGLED WITH AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE SHIPMENT OF BEEF. THEY WERE

MARKED WITH PICTURES OF CHERRIES, STRAWBERRIES, A PINE TREE, AND THE WORD "ALPHA." THE DRIVER WAS A MEXICAN NATIONAL AND A RESIDENT OF CALEXICO.

ON JULY 17, INS/BP AGENTS NEAR THE FALFURRIAS, TX, CHECKPOINT SEIZED 510 KGS OF MARIJUANA DISCOVERED IN A 1996 GREAT DAVE TRAILER BEING TOWED BY A 1993 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR, BOTH WITH TX PLATES, NB ON U.S. 281, EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TX, FROM MCALLEN, TX. A K-9 DETECTED THE CONTRABAND. THE MARIJUANA BUNDLES WERE WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE AND DUCT TAPE, AND WERE INSIDE THREE FREEZERS NEAR THE FRONT OF THE TRAILER. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF PALMVIEW, TX.

ON JULY 20, LOUISIANA STATE POLICE (LASP) OFFICERS STOPPED A 1997 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, WITH TX PLATES, BOBTAILING (NO TRAILER), EB ON I-10, EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS TO PICK UP A TRAILER FROM HOUSTON, TX. UPON SKELLING THE ODOR OF MARIJUANA, OFFICERS EXECUTED A K-9 SEARCH AND DISCOVERED 70 KGS OF MARIJUANA UNDER THE SLEEPER. THE

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DRIVER/OWNER WAS A RESIDENT OF HOUSTON, TX, AND HIS COMPANY
IS BASED IN HUFFMAN, TX. THE DRIVER WAS NERVOUS AND DID NOT
KNOW WHERE HE WAS TO TAKE THE TRAILER.

ON JULY 20, LASP OFFICERS STOPPED A 1982 GMC PICKUP WITH
AL PLATES, EB ON I-12, EN ROUTE TO AL, FROM BEAUMONT, TX.
OFFICERS SEIZED 4.1 KGS OF COCAINE, 438 TABLETS OF VALIUM AND
446 TABLETS OF ALPRAZOLAM CONCEALED INSIDE TWO ACETYLENE
TANKS ON THE BACK OF THE FLATBED. UPON FURTHER
INVESTIGATION, A COMPARTMENT WITH A LARGE SCREW OFF CAP WAS
FOUND INSIDE THE TANKS. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF BUFFALO,
MO, WAS NERVOUS AND LIED ABOUT A PRIOR DRUG ARREST. THE
VEHICLE WAS REGISTERED IN NEW MARKET, AL.

ON JULY 21, USCS INSPECTORS AT THE JAY MESA, CA, POE
SEIZED 294 KGS OF MARIJUANA DISCOVERED IN A 1987 TIMPTE
TRAILER BEING TOWED BY A 1977 KENWORTH TRACTOR, BOTH WITH CA
PLATES. THE MARIJUANA WAS MASKED WITH OIL, AND WAS CONCEALED
IN A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT INSIDE THE ROOF OF THE TRAILER.

ON JULY 21, INS/BF AGENTS AT THE SARITA, TX, CHECKPOINT
SEIZED 137 KGS OF MARIJUANA DISCOVERED IN A 1996 PETERBILT
TRACTOR TOWING A FLATBED TRAILER, BOTH WITH TX, NB ON U.S.
77. THE BUNDLES WERE WRAPPED IN CLEAR CELLOPHANE AND WERE
CONCEALED INSIDE THE CEILING IN THE SLEEPER AREA OF THE

TRACTOR. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF SANTA ROSA, TX, AND
THE PASSENGER WAS A RESIDENT OF ENOCH, TX.

ON JULY 21, USCS INSPECTORS AT THE YSLETA, TX, POE IN EL
PASO, TX, SEIZED 1,999 KGS OF MARIJUANA DISCOVERED IN A 1993
UTILITY TRAILER (NFI) BEING TOWED BY A MX-LICENSED 1988
INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR. THE MARIJUANA BUNDLES WERE FOUND
WITHIN BOXES LINED WITH CARBON PAPER, AND WERE COMMINGLED IN
AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE SHIPMENT OF THERMAL CONTROLS. THE
DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF CIUDAD JUAREZ, MX.

ON JULY 25, LASP OFFICERS STOPPED A 1995 DODGE FLATBED
TRUCK WITH TX PLATES, EB ON I-16, EN ROUTE TO MOBILE, AL,
FROM HOUSTON, TX, AND SEIZED 19 KGS OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED IN
TWO SPARE TIRES. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF HOUSTON, TRIED TO
FLEE ON FOOT. THIS WAS HIS SECOND TRIP.

ON JULY 25, GASP OFFICERS STOPPED A 1999 PETERBILT PULLING A 1999 UTILITY REEFER TRAILER, BOTH WITH TX PLATES, NB ON I-85, EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK, NY, FROM MCALLEN, TX. OFFICERS SEIZED 1,061 KGS OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED WITHIN BOXES IN THE MIDDLE OF THE TRAILER, SURROUNDED BY AN OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE SHIPMENT OF MANGOS. THE DRIVER HAD A PREVIOUS DRUG CHARGE AND WAS A RESIDENT OF BROWNSVILLE, TX. THE COMPANY IS BASED IN MCALLEN. THE TRAILER WAS LOADED ON 7/23/99. DOT INFORMATION WAS VALID. THIS WAS THE LARGEST MARIJUANA SEIZURE EVER REPORTED TO EPIC FROM GA.

ON JULY 27, INS/BP AGENTS AT THE-FALFURRIAS, TX, CHECKPOINT SEIZED 990 KGS OF MARIJUANA DISCOVERED BY A K-9 UNIT IN A 1986 TRAILER (NFI) BEING TOWED BY A 1996 KENWORTH TRACTOR, BOTH WITH TN PLATES. THE VEHICLE WAS TRAVELING NB ON U.S. 281. THE BUNDLES WERE WRAPPED IN POSTAL TAPE AND WERE FOUND NEAR THE FRONT OF THE TRAILER. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF SHANNON, MISSISSIPPI (MS).

ON JULY 27, USCS INSPECTORS AT THE DOUGLAS, AZ, POE SEIZED 295 KGS OF MARIJUANA DISCOVERED INSIDE THE TIRES OF A FLATBED TRAILER (NFI) BEING PULLED BY A 1988 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, BOTH WITH MX PLATES. THE MARIJUANA BUNDLES WERE WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE AND BROWN PACKING TAPE, AND WERE CONCEALED WITHIN METAL CONTAINERS WELDED TO THE TIRE RIMS OF THE TRAILER. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF AGUA PRIETA, SONORA, MX. (SEE COMMERCIAL SEIZURES MESSAGE - FEB/MAR 1999)

ON JULY 28, TXDPS AND INS/BP AGENTS SEIZED 659 KGS OF MARIJUANA DISCOVERED IN A 1987 DUMP TRAILER (NFI) BEING TOWED BY A 1989 PETERBILT TRACTOR, BOTH WITH TX PLATES, TRAVELING ON A TEXAS FARM-TO-MARKET ROAD (NFI) IN HIDALGO COUNTY, TX. THE VEHICLE WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TX, FROM PALMVIEW, TX. A K-9 ALERTED TO THE CONTRABAND. THE MARIJUANA BUNDLES WERE UNDER A LOAD OF ASPHALT. WHEN THE ASPHALT WAS REMOVED,

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ACCESS PANELS TO THE COMPARTMENT WERE REVEALED. THE
COMPARTMENT RAN THE ENTIRE LENGTH OF THE TRAILER. THE
DRIVER, RESIDENCE UNKNOWN, WAS NOT ARRESTED. THE COMPANY IS
BASED OUT OF MISSION, TX. THE OWNER IS A RESIDENT OF MISSION.

ON JULY 31, INS/BP AGENTS NEAR THE FALFURRIAS, TX,
CHECKPOINT SEIZED 158 KGS OF MARIJUANA DISCOVERED IN AN OK-
LICENSED LUFKIN TRAILER BEING PULLED BY A TX-LICENSED 1999
PETERBILT TRACTOR, NB ON U.S. 281. A K-9 ALERTED TO THE LOAD.
THE MARIJUANA BUNDLES WERE WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE WITHIN
CARDBOARD BOXES AND WERE COMMINGLED WITH AN OTHERWISE
LEGITIMATE SHIPMENT OF SOAP AND SODA BEVERAGES. THE DRIVER
AND PASSENGER WERE RESIDENTS OF ALAMO, TX.

ON JULY 31, MEXICAN AUTHORITIES IN ENSENADA, MX, SEIZED
6,000 KGS OF MARIJUANA DISCOVERED IN A TRAILER (NFI) EN ROUTE
TO TIJUANA, MX, FROM LA PAZ, MX. THE DRIVER STATED THAT HE
HAD MADE SEVEN TRIPS TO TIJUANA AND THAT HE WAS PAID \$2,000
PER TRIP.

TREND ALERT:

MOST MARIJUANA DRIVERS WERE RESIDENTS OF FOUR STATES IN JUL 99 COMPARED TO SIX IN JUL 98. THOSE FROM TEXAS (TX), TRANSPORTED 75 PERCENT OF THE TOTAL QUANTITY (2,947 KGS) COMPARED TO 16 PERCENT (223 KGS) IN JUL 98.

THERE APPEARS TO BE A SHIFT IN COCAINE LOADS TO THE CENTRAL UNITED STATES FROM NY. THERE COULD BE NEW STAGING

AREAS IN THE MIDWEST OF LARGE SHIPMENTS, WHERE SMALLER SHIPMENTS PROCEED BY CAR TO NY. SHORTER TRIPS WOULD DECREASE THE CHANCES OF BEING DETECTED BY INTERDICTION TEAMS. COCAINE LOADS FROM TX WERE 19 PERCENT HIGHER IN JUL 99 (786 KGS) THAN JUL 98, AND WERE GENERALLY TRANSPORTED BY TX RESIDENTS. TWO SEIZURES WERE DISCOVERED IN FALSE COMPARTMENTS IN THE TRAILER. ALL SEIZURES WERE DISCOVERED INSIDE THE TRAILER.

FREIGHTLINER (23 STOPS AT 8,070 KGS), KENWORTH (18 STOPS AT 13,162 KGS) AND PETERBILT (16 STOPS AT 6,068 KGS) TRACTORS ARE THE MOST POPULAR CMV BRANDS IN 1999. INTERNATIONAL TRACTORS WERE USED THREE TIMES FOR THE JAN-JUL 98 PERIOD, HAULING 278 KGS, COMPARED TO FOUR TIMES AND 1,391 KGS FOR JAN-JUL 99.

TRACTOR AGE

MODEL	CY98	JAN-JUL 99
73'-79'	16	6
80'-85'	16	19
86'-98'	50	47
91'-95'	71	63
96'-99'	39	44

CMV BRAND

TRACTOR	JAN-JUL 98	JAN-JUL 99
FORD	2	3
FREIGHTLINER	24	28
INTERNATIONAL	4	9
KENWORTH	22	25
PETERBILT	36	19
VOLVO	0	3

SEIZURES BY TRUCK TYPE

TRACTOR	65 PERCENT 75 (STOPS)	89 PERCENT 93 (STOPS)
COMMERCIAL TRUCK	32 PERCENT 36 (STOPS)	20 PERCENT 24 (STOPS)

SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE [REDACTED], \$45 MILLION USC, 215,782 KGS OF MARIJUANA, 46,681 KGS OF COCAINE AND 161 KGS OF METH HAVE BEEN SEIZED

FROM IN-TRANSIT COMMERCIAL VEHICLES IN THE UNITED STATES. THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER (EPIC) SERVES AS A WORLDWIDE

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SECTION SEVEN OF EIGHT SECTIONS

SUBJECT: SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SEIZURES MESSAGE
JULY 1999

COLLECTION POINT FOR INTELLIGENCE DATA RELATIVE TO ILLICIT
DRUG MOVEMENT WHERE IT CAN BE ANALYZED AND RETURNED TO
PARTICIPATING AGENCIES BY WAY OF SPECIAL REPORTS, BRIEFINGS,
AND TRAINING.

THE FAVORED MODE OF TRANSPORTATION OF BULK DRUGS INTO
THE UNITED STATES IS BY COMMERCIAL VEHICLE. FIFTEEN TRUCKS
CAN CARRY THE EQUIVALENT OF 300 PASSENGER VEHICLES.
[REDACTED] IS TO TRAIN OFFICERS IN INTERDICTION, PROVIDE
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, INTEGRATION OF EFFECTIVE TECHNOLOGY,
SUPPORT INVESTIGATIVE AND INFORMATIONAL REQUESTS AND FUND
STATES THAT HAVE CV INTERDICTION PROGRAMS.

A CADRE OF OVER 60 FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL OFFICIALS
SERVE AS ASSOCIATE STAFF MEMBERS. SINCE THERE IS LITTLE OR NO
TRAINING IN POLICE ACADEMIES FOR CMV INTERDICTION, OVER
50,000 LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN TRAINED, GENERALLY
FREE OF CHARGE. SEIZURES ARE DIRECTLY PROPORTIONATE TO
BRIEFINGS, TRAINING AND SEMINARS. SOME STUDENTS ENCOUNTER
CONTRABAND USING DIAP TECHNIQUES WHILE RETURNING FROM
TRAINING.

CURRENT TRENDS SHOW THAT METH IS THE DRUG OF CHOICE FOR
TRUCK DRIVERS WHICH PRESENTS A SERIOUS HAZARD FOR THE
HIGHWAYS. SMUGGLERS ARE INCREASING USING NAFTA-RELATED
TRAFFIC TO MERGE CONTRABAND INTO THE LEGITIMATE FLOW OF
TRAFFIC FROM THE BORDER. LARGE SEIZURES IN MX HAVING

DESTINATIONS TO TWIN-PLANT COMPANIES SUPPORT THIS TREND.
OVER 70 PERCENT OF THE LAST 100 SEIZURES ORIGINATED IN ONE OF
THE FOUR BORDER STATES.

ILLCIT DRUG CONCEALMENT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY SOPHISTICATED. SEVERAL TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS HAVE PERFECTED OR ARE PERFECTING METHODS TO DEFEAT DETECTION. ONE GROUP USES SIX DRUG DOGS TO TEST THEIR LOAD BEFORE IT CROSSES THE BORDER.

LEGITIMATE DRIVERS ARE BEING RECRUITED IN ELSA, TX, TO MODIFY THE WHOLE CAB WITH A HYDRAULIC FLOOR. ONLY BY STRIPPING THE CAB AND SLEEPER COMPARTMENT CAN THE COMPARTMENT BE ELECTRONICALLY ACTIVATED. THE TRAFFICKER DRIVERS HIDE WITHIN LARGE LEGITIMATE COMPANIES AND MIX LOADS WITH LEGITIMATE CARGO. SOME TRAFFICKERS ARE USING THE NAMES, DOT NUMBERS AND LOGOS OF KNOWN LARGE COMMERCIAL COMPANIES. HIDDEN FUEL TANKS ARE ON THE INCREASE. SOME COMPANIES IN MX ALLEGEDLY OFFER FALSE COMPARTMENTS FROM THE FACTORY. THE USE OF TRAIN CONTAINERS AND CMV WAS EVIDENT IN A LARGE NATIONWIDE BUST.

TRACTORS AND TRAILERS RECENTLY SEIZED ARE OFTEN NEVER DR IN BETTER CONDITION THAN IN THE PAST. THE USE OF SECONDARY ROUTES OR ROADS IS INCREASING. THIS YEAR, MARYLAND HIGHWAY 301, WHICH PARALLELS I-95, HAS HAD A 500-PERCENT INCREASE IN NIGHT CMV TRAFFIC. LEGITIMATE LOADS OF FREIGHT AS A COVER LOAD ARE INCREASING.

MANY OF THE TRUCKS IN TX HAVE NO VALID DOT NUMBER.

CONCEALMENT IN TIRES HAVE INCREASED DRAMATICALLY SINCE SEPTEMBER 1998. ROOF AND CEILING COMPARTMENTS ARE ESPECIALLY USED FOR CONCEALING CURRENCY. MOST CURRENCY WAS EN ROUTE TO

TX. THERE WAS AN INCREASE OF 118 PERCENT IN CY98 COMPARED TO CY97 FOR BORDER DESTINED CURRENCY. BULK CURRENCY INCREASED 114 PERCENT IN 1998. ALTHOUGH, I-40 CURRENCY SEIZURES INCREASED BY 630 PERCENT OVER 1997 TOTALS, A \$3 MILLION SEIZURE TENDS TO DEFEAT TREND ANALYSIS FOR CALENDAR YEARS.

FOR CY98, MARIJUANA SEIZURES AVERAGED 251 KGS, WITH COCAINE AT 219 KGS AND CURRENCY AT \$360,000. FROM SEPTEMBER 1998 THROUGH AUGUST 1999, 66 PERCENT OF THE COCAINE, 39 PERCENT OF THE MARIJUANA AND 27 PERCENT OF THE CURRENCY WERE BEING TRANSPORTED WITHIN CMV. ABOUT \$12 MILLION WAS SEIZED FROM SEPTEMBER 1997 TO AUGUST 1998. THE NEXT YEAR SAW \$18.5 MILLION SEIZED. A 38 PERCENT SHIFT OF COCAINE LOADS FROM PRIVATE TO CMV OCCURRED IN RECENT MONTHS.

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COMPREHENSIVE INTELLIGENCE REPORTS, SHOW CMVS ENTERING
THE UNITED STATES LAST YEAR WAS OVER 3.5 MILLION. THIS IS AN
AVERAGE YEARLY INCREASE OF 39 PERCENT ANNUALLY. THE AMOUNT
OF PLAIN-SIGHT CONTRABAND FOUND IN CABS INDICATES A LACK OF
CONCERN THAT OFFICERS WILL SEARCH THE AREA.

USCS REPORTED THAT ALMOST 500,000 FORMAL ENTRIES AND
25,000 INFORMATION ENTRIES ARE PROCESSED YEARLY. IN 1996, PGE
SEIZURES DECREASED BY 15 PERCENT WITH FRONT WALL CONCEALMENT,
GAS TANKS, COMMINGLED CARGO, AND TIRES BEING THE MOST
PREVALENT FORM OF CONCEALMENT. SOME CONTRABAND WAS WRAPPED
WITH 14 LAYERS OF CELLOPHANE THAT INCLUDED A LAYER OF LATEX,
WHICH WIPES THE DRILL WHEN WITHDRAWN. MOST DRIVERS ARE
UNAWARE OF THE CONTRABAND AND ARE RELEASED.

INTELLIGENCE:

ON JULY 5, MISP OFFICERS STOPPED A TRACTOR-TRAILER RIG (NFI) NB ON I-75, WITH NAFTA MARKINGS ON THE CAB AND TRAILER. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH RESULTED IN NO CONTRABAND BEING DISCOVERED, ALTHOUGH MANY OF THE CLASSIC DRUG-INDICATORS WERE PRESENT. THE INFORMATION ON THE COMPANY WAS FORWARDED TO USCB AND ANOTHER COMPANY TRUCK WAS LATER STOPPED AT THE HIDALGO, TX, POE RESULTING IN A POSITIVE K-9 ALERT, BUT NO CONTRABAND. THE DRIVER STATED THAT THIS NAFTA COMPANY UTILIZED I-75 NB FOR LOADS OF AUTO PARTS DESTINED FOR THE DETROIT, MI, AREA

FROM MCALLEN, TX, ON A REGULAR BASIS. USING LEGITIMATE COVER LOADS, THE 500-600 POUND MARIJUANA LOADS ARE SITUATED IN THE FRONT OF THE TRAILER, HALFWAY DOWN THE STACK, HIDDEN WITHIN UNITED POSTAL SERVICE BOXES COVERED WITH "SKUNK URINE" TO COVER THE SCENT.

TRACTOR-TRAILER RIGS FROM THIS COMPANY DEPART MCALLEN, TX, EARLY IN THE WEEK AND ARRIVE IN THE DETROIT AREA ON SUNDAY NIGHT FROM 10:00 P.M. TO 2:00 A.M. MONDAY MORNING. DRIVERS HAVE BOASTED THAT THE "THE DOT INSPECTORS IN MONROE, MI, ONLY CHECK

PAPER WORK." ALL TRACTORS ARE OWNER-OPERATOR UNITS LEASED TO NAFTA.

ALL TRACTORS ARE CUSTOMIZED MODEL PETERBILT AND TRANSPORT MONEY SOUTH DESTINED FOR MX UTILIZING THE AIR BREATHERS ON THE TRACTORS.

SAFETY ALERT:

NO INFORMATION TO REPORT.

ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ARE WELCOMED, AND SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO [REDACTED] CHIEF, EPIC, DOMESTIC UNIT, [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] EPIC/DIAP RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, AT [REDACTED]. (FAX) [REDACTED]

APPROVED BY: [REDACTED] CHIEF
RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION

PREPARED BY: [REDACTED]
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SUBJECT: [REDACTED], OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
[REDACTED], OPERATION CONVOY

HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 10/30/99

////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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SEIZURES ARE INCLUDED IF THEY MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE, ONE HUNDRED (100) KGS OF MARIJUANA, TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN, FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK, ONE (1) KILOGRAM (KG) OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH), AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC AND SATISFYING THE ABOVE CRITERIA SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

ON SEPTEMBER 30 AT 0815 HOURS, THE DEEP EAST, TEXAS (TX), NARCOTICS TASK FORCE (TF) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 15 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE FROM A DOMINICAN MALE TRAVELING ON U.S. 59, IN NACOGDOCHES COUNTY. THE CLEVELAND, OHIO (OH), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA (LA), FROM HOUSTON, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1991 FORD EXPLORER, BEARING GEORGIA (GA) PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED BEHIND THE REAR SEAT AND ABOVE THE GAS TANK.

ON OCTOBER 11 AT 1800 HOURS, THE LAREDO, TX, TF SEIZED \$419,615 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-35, IN WEBB COUNTY. THE SAN FERNANDO, TAMAULIPAS, MEXICO (MX), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE

TO MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON, MX, FROM HOUSTON, TX, IN A
C PRIVATELY-OWNED 1996 DODGE NEON, BEARING MX PLATES. THE
REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A
+ DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE
Q VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 31 BUNDLES OF USC, WHICH
WERE FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, LOCATED BEHIND THE GLOVE
BOX. THE 31 BUNDLES WERE WRAPPED IN RUBBER BANDS AND RED
PLASTIC.

ON OCTOBER 18 AT 1700 HOURS, THE ARLINGTON, TX, POLICE
DEPARTMENT (PD) SEIZED 1,400 GRAMS (GMS) OF METHAMPHETAMINE
(METH) FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON
I-30, IN TARRANT COUNTY. THE ARLINGTON, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN
ROUTE TO DALLAS, TX, FROM FORT WORTH, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-
OWNED 1995 GMC SONOMA TRUCK, BEARING TX PLATES. THE
REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A
C DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE
Q VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, LOCATED BEHIND THE
RIGHT REAR TAIL LIGHT AND BEHIND THE LEFT REAR SIDE PART OF
THE DASHBOARD.

ON OCTOBER 18 AT 1700 HOURS, THE IOWA (IA) STATE POLICE (SP)
SEIZED APPROXIMATELY TWO KGS OF METH FROM A MALE U.S.
CITIZEN AND A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON
HIGHWAY (HWY) 83, IN POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY. THE U.S. CITIZEN
DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF COUNCIL BLUFF, IA, AND MEXICAN
NATIONAL PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF COMALA, MX, WERE EN ROUTE
TO COUNCIL BLUFF, IA, FROM MISSOURI VALLEY, IA, IN A
PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 DODGE POWER RAM, BEARING IA PLATES.
THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A
CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE
METH, LOCATED UNDER THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT.

ON OCTOBER 21 AT 0215 HOURS, THE TX DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE

SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 171 KGS OF MARIJUANA AND \$1,273 USC FROM FOUR MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-35, IN MEDINA COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF LAREDO, TX, AND THREE PASSENGERS, ALL RESIDENTS OF DALLAS, TX, WERE EN ROUTE TO LUBBOCK, TX, FROM NUEVO LAREDO, NUEVO LEON, MX, IN A 1991 GMC TRACTOR, TOWING A 1987 FLATBED TRAILER. THE TRACTOR BORE TX PLATES, AND THE TRAILER BORE MAINE (ME) PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED UNDERNEATH THE SLEEPER OF THE TRACTOR AND IN THE GAS TANK. A 1995 CHEVROLET TAHOE, BEARING TX PLATES, ESCORTED THE TRACTOR TRAILER.

ON OCTOBER 21 AT 1010 HOURS, THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA (OK) METRO INTERDICTION TEAM TF SEIZED \$133,920 USC FROM TWO MALES AND A FEMALE CHILD TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-35, IN OKLAHOMA COUNTY. THE TWO TUCSON, ARIZONA (AZ), RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO AZ, FROM MISSOURI (MO), IN A RENTED DODGE CARAVAN. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN THE FOLLOWING PLACES: A PLASTIC BAG LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THE VAN, THE CENTER CONSOLE, AND IN A JACKET POCKET.

ON OCTOBER 25 AT 0959 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 106 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A FEMALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON OLD HIGHWAY 80, IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA (CA), FROM CAMPO, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1994 HITSUBISHI MIRAGE, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSensual SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 100 PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK AND ON THE BACK SEAT.

ON OCTOBER 25 AT 1730 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 127 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 281, IN JIM WELLS COUNTY. THE LA SARA, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SAN ANTONIO, TX, FROM LA SARA, IN HIS COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1990 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, TOWING A 1994 UTILITY REEFER TRAILER. BOTH THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER BORE TX PLATES. A CONSensual SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE

MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED INSIDE THE TRAILER. THE TRAILER WAS NOT TRANSPORTING A LOAD AT THE TIME OF THE STOP.

ON OCTOBER 26 AT 0115 HOURS, THE OH HIGHWAY PATROL (HP) SEIZED NINE KGS OF COCAINE FROM A COLOMBIAN MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70, IN PREBLE COUNTY. THE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (IL), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO DAYTON, OH, FROM CHICAGO, IN HIS 1991 FORD AEROSTAR MINIVAN, BEARING IL PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE FLOOR COMPARTMENT LOCATED BENEATH THE PASSENGER-SIDE, NEAR THE STEP NEXT TO THE SLIDING DOOR.

ON OCTOBER 26 AT 1429 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 158 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON F.M. 755, IN STARR COUNTY. THE SUBJECT, WHO ABSCONDED ON FOOT, WAS TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1988 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON OCTOBER 28 AT 0652 HOURS, THE CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS (AR), SO SEIZED APPROXIMATELY FOUR KGS OF METH FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-40. THE MORENO VALLEY, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CA, FROM MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (TN), IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1978 CADILLAC, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH LOCATED INSIDE THE SPARE TIRE.

ON OCTOBER 30 AT 2212 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 454 KGS OF MARIJUANA AND \$914 USC FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-35, IN MEDINA COUNTY. THE LAREDO, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TX, FROM LAREDO, IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1992 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, TOWING A 1989 THEURER TRAILER.

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THE TRACTOR BORE TX PLATES AND THE TRAILER BORE ME PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN BLACK DUFFEL BAGS COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF RUBBER TIRE TREAD. SKUNK URINE WAS USED TO MASK THE ODOR OF THE MARIJUANA.

INTELLIGENCE NOTE:

THE [REDACTED] REPORTED THE SEIZURE OF NINE DOSAGE UNITS OF LSD FROM ONE ADULT MALE AND TWO JUVENILES ON OCTOBER 27, 1999. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN ANGELO, TX, FROM PHOENIX, AZ. DURING AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, THE OFFICERS FOUND A BAG OF SWEET TARTS, WHICH CONCEALED THE LSD. SEVEN SWEET TARTS HAD A DROP OF LSD IN THE CENTER OF THE CANDY, AND TWO SIMILARLY-SHAPED PIECES OF CANDY ALSO HAD A DROP OF LSD ON THEM. THIS TYPE OF CONCEALMENT HAS NEVER BEEN REPORTED TO EPIC BEFORE. THE NINE DOSAGE UNITS OF LSD WERE SEIZED, AND THE SUBJECTS WERE ARRESTED.

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), 1 GRAM 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 SEIZURE REPORTS RECEIVED AT EPIC.

IF EPIC CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, AT [REDACTED] OR VIA TELETYPE. POC [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] UNIT CHIEF.

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NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE
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SUBJECT: EPIC NLETS LOOKOUTS [REDACTED] THRU [REDACTED]
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SHOULD BE COORDINATED THROUGH EPIC.

1. REFERENCE TELECON ON 11/16, 1999 WITH [REDACTED] DEA WHEELING, WEST VA DOD, REQUESTING NLETS LOOKOUTS ON VEHICLES DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH 3 BELOW.
2. AGENCIES RECEIVING THIS MESSAGE PLEASE DISTRIBUTE TO OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN HIGHWAY INTERDICTION EFFORTS IN YOUR STATE.
3. REMARKS: DEA INFORMATION INDICATES A 1999 PETERBILT TRACTOR WITH PENNSYLVANIA [REDACTED] IS SUSPECTED OF SMUGGLING MARIJUANA FROM VICTORIA OR HOUSTON, TX TO PA. THIS TRACTOR MAY BE PULLING A TRAILER WITH ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PA TAGS: [REDACTED], AND [REDACTED] MARIJUANA WILL MOST LIKELY BE CONCEALED IN A TRAILER.
4. LOOKOUTS [REDACTED] THRU [REDACTED] EXPIRES 02/16/2000.
5. IF ENCOUNTERED NOTIFY EPIC IMMEDIATELY AT FTS/COM [REDACTED] OR TOLL FREE [REDACTED] USE-EPIC [REDACTED] FOR INFORMATION ONLY. ANY ACTION OTHER THAN REQUESTED IS DISCRETIONARY.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 11/26/99

////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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SEIZURES ARE INCLUDED IF THEY MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: 5 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE; 100 KGS OF MARIJUANA; 28 GMS OF HEROIN; 500 GMS OF CRACK COCAINE; 1 KG OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH); AND \$100,000. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC AND SATISFYING THE ABOVE CRITERIA SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

ON NOVEMBER 3 AT 1500 HOURS, THE UTAH (UT) HIGHWAY PATROL (HP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 9 KGS OF METH FROM TWO MALE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN SEVIER COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF TUCSON, ARIZONA (AZ), AND THE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF WATSONVILLE, CALIFORNIA (CA), WERE EN ROUTE TO INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA (IN), FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1994 TOYOTA CAMRY BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

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ON NOVEMBER 4 AT 1130 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1.4 KGS OF METH AND 908 GMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN COUPLE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 215 IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE FEMALE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF DENVER, COLORADO (CO), AND THE MALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA NORTE (BC), MEXICO (MX), WERE EN ROUTE TO COLORADO, FROM SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 2000 FORD WINDSTAR BEARING CO PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE DRUGS LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND IN A LAUNDRY DETERGENT BOX, AND THREE PACKAGES OF METH WERE FOUND IN 1-GALLON SIZE CONTAINER OF RADIATOR FLUID.

ON NOVEMBER 10 AT 1444 HOURS, THE TEXAS (TX) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED 100 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN OLDHAM COUNTY. THE LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO (NM), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA (OK), FROM LAS CRUCES, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 DODGE CARAVAN BEARING NH PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN DUFFEL BAGS LOCATED IN A REAR PASSENGER + COMPARTMENT.

ON NOVEMBER 11 AT 1740 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 5 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 281 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE CHANNEL VIEW, TX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TX, FROM REYNOSO, TAMAUlipAS, MX, IN HIS 1991 HONDA ACCORD BEARING TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE

GREASE WAS USED TO MASK THE ODOR OF THE COCAINE.

ON NOVEMBER 9 AT 2340 HOURS, THE ARKANSAS (AR) STATE POLICE (SP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1.8 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN MONROE COUNTY. THE BELL GARDENS, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HORN LAKE, MISSISSIPPI (MS), FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1990 NISSAN SENTRA BEARING MS PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH LOCATED BEHIND THE GLOVE BOX IN THE DASH. RED GREASE AND COFFEE WERE USED TO MASK THE ODOR OF THE METH.

ON NOVEMBER 10 AT 0324 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA (LA) SP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 15 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN IBERVILLE PARISH. THE TWO HOUSTON, TX, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO BATON ROUGE, LA, FROM HOUSTON, IN A 1990 MAZDA MX-6 BEARING TX PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE LOCATED IN THE SIDE PANELS.

ON NOVEMBER 12 AT 0205 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1.3 KGS OF METH AND APPROXIMATELY 6 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE OGDEN, UTAH (UT), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO OGDEN, FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1991 HONDA BEARING UT PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE DRUGS LOCATED BETWEEN A SPEAKER BOX IN THE TRUNK AND THE REAR SEAT.

ON NOVEMBER 13 AT 0115 HOURS, THE IRET TASK FORCE (TF), CA, SEIZED 14 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING ON A CITY STREET IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE SOUTH GATE, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION FROM FONTANA, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1988 CHEVROLET LUMINA BEARING BC/MX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 14 PACKAGES OF COCAINE LOCATED IN THE DASHBOARD. THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN SILVER DUCT TAPE.

ON NOVEMBER 13 AT 1000 HOURS, THE KANSAS (KS) HP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 119 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN ELLIS COUNTY. THE SAN DIEGO, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NORTH CAROLINA (NC), FROM TUCSON, AZ, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 MERCURY BEARING NC PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON NOVEMBER 16 AT 0930 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 126 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-20 IN ECTOR COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA (AL), AND THE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF QUARTZ HILL, CA, WERE PROBABLY EN ROUTE TO BIRMINGHAM, FROM PHOENIX, AZ, IN A COMMERCIAL-OWNED 1995 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR BEARING AL PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE TRACTOR LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF NINE BAGS OF MARIJUANA LOCATED IN THE SLEEPER COMPARTMENT. FOUR BAGS WERE FOUND IN THE SLEEPER BERTH AND FIVE BAGS WERE FOUND IN A SAFETY GEAR BOX. PINE TREE DEODORIZERS WERE USED TO MASK THE ODOR OF THE MARIJUANA.

ON NOVEMBER 16 AT 1800 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 8.5 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 710 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE MEXICALI, BC, MX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HUNTINGTON PARK, CA, FROM MONTEBELLO, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 NISSAN ALTIMA BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED BETWEEN THE BACK SEAT AND THE TRUNK.

ON NOVEMBER 17 AT 0200 HOURS, THE NM SP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 9 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN MCKINLEY COUNTY. THE SALINAS, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO OKLAHOMA CITY, OK, FROM SALINAS, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1984 FORD TEMPO BEARING OK PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 15 BUNDLES OF COCAINE LOCATED IN THE ROCKER PANELS. THE COCAINE WAS WRAPPED IN GRAY DUCT TAPE AND CELLOPHANE.

ON NOVEMBER 17 AT 1500 HOURS, THE MISSOURI (MO) HP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1,028 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44 IN NEWTON COUNTY. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA (FL), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA (PA), FROM SPRINGER, OK, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1993 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, TOWING A 1988 UTILITY TRAILER. THE TRACTOR BORE FL PLATES, AND THE TRAILER BORE TENNESSEE (TN) PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE FRONT OF THE TRAILER. THE TRAILER WAS TRANSPORTING A LOAD OF ONIONS.

ON NOVEMBER 17 AT 1600 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 183 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN GUADALUPE COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A TRANSIENT, AND THE FEMALE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF TAMPA, FL, WERE EN ROUTE TO TAMPA, FL, FROM HARLINGEN, TX, IN THE PASSENGER'S 1985 FLEETWOOD MOTORHOME BEARING FL PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE MOTORHOME LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE FLOOR COMPARTMENT.

ON NOVEMBER 17 AT 1748 HOURS, THE MEMPHIS, TN, POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD) SEIZED 10 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN SHELBY COUNTY. THE TWO ROCHESTER, NEW YORK (NY), RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO ROCHESTER, FROM DALLAS, TX, IN A RENTED 1999 GMC JIMMY BEARING PA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 10 1-KILOGRAM SIZE PACKAGES OF COCAINE LOCATED IN THE SPARE TIRE. THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER (FROM OUTSIDE IN): GREEN CELLOPHANE, RED CELLOPHANE, CLEAR VACUUM WRAP, BROWN PACKING TAPE, GRAY DUCT TAPE, RUBBER (STAMPED ON THE INSIDE OF THE RUBBER WAS A PICTURE OF A YELLOW UNICORN), CLEAR CELLOPHANE, PAPER TOWELS WITH PICTURES OF DUCKS, AND FINALLY CLEAR CELLOPHANE.

ON NOVEMBER 17 AT 2155 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 4.4 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SANTA ANA, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO DENVER, CO, FROM SANTA ANA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1990 MAZDA HX-6 BEARING CO PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE GAS TANK. AIR FRESHENERS WERE USED TO MASK THE ODOR OF THE + METH.

ON NOVEMBER 17 AT 2154 HOURS, THE MO HP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 21 KGS OF METH FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN LAFAYETTE COUNTY. THE TWO EL MONTE, CA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO ST. CHARLES, MO, FROM RIVERSIDE, CA, IN A RENTED 1999 CADILLAC BEARING CA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A SUITCASE LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON NOVEMBER 17 AT 2219 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1 KG OF METH FROM A FEMALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE TIJUANA, BC, MX, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO DENVER, CO, FROM MX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 FORD LTD BEARING CO PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH LOCATED IN THE SPARE TIRE. THE METH WAS TIGHTLY WRAPPED AROUND THE INSIDE RIM OF THE SPARE TIRE.

ON NOVEMBER 17 AT 2330 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED \$177,000 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-5 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF TIJUANA, BC, MX, AND THE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF SAN DIEGO, CA, WERE EN ROUTE TO MX, FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1994 PONTIAC BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED BEHIND THE GLOVE BOX.

ON NOVEMBER 18 AT 0700 HOURS, THE NC HP SEIZED \$408,455 USC FROM TWO MALE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-85 IN GASTON COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF ARDMORE, OK, AND THE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF FORT HOOD, TX, WERE EN ROUTE TO AUSTIN, TX, FROM CHARLOTTE, NC, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1998 CHEVROLET MALIBU BEARING NC PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN TWO SQUARE-SHAPED TUBES THAT RAN FROM THE FRONT FENDER WELL TO THE REAR FENDER WELL, ON BOTH THE RIGHT AND LEFT-HAND SIDE. THE TUBES WERE ATTACHED TO THE UNDER-STRUCTURE OF THE VEHICLE. SOME OF THE USC WAS ALSO FOUND IN THE TRUNK.

ON NOVEMBER 18 AT 2300 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 11.5 KGS OF COCAINE FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF COMMERCE, CA, AND TWO PASSENGERS, BOTH RESIDENTS OF WHITTIER, CA, WERE EN ROUTE TO DENVER, CO, FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN A THE DRIVER'S 1995 DODGE INTREPID BEARING CO PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE LOCATED IN THE PASSENGER-SIDE AIR BAG COMPARTMENT.

ON NOVEMBER 21 AT 0820 HOURS, THE NM SP SEIZED 6 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN BERNALILLO COUNTY. THE TWO LOS ANGELES, CA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO OK, FROM LOS ANGELES, IN PASSENGER'S 1989 MAZDA BEARING CA PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED BETWEEN THE REAR SEAT AND THE TRUNK. A DAVIES INDUSTRIES .380 CALIBER HANDGUN WAS ALSO FOUND IN THE VEHICLE.

ON NOVEMBER 21 AT 1035 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 109 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-30 IN MORRIS COUNTY. THE MEMPHIS, TN, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MEMPHIS, FROM SAN ANTONIO, TX, IN HIS 1994 FORD RANGER BEARING TN PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE BED COMPARTMENT. THE FALSE COMPARTMENT WAS ACCESSED FROM BEHIND THE TAILGATE OF THE PICKUP. THE 5-POUND PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED WITH BROWN PAPER. BABY OIL WAS USED TO MASK THE ODOR OF THE MARIJUANA.

ON NOVEMBER 21 AT 1925 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 53 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-30 IN MORRIS COUNTY. THE TWO MARIETTA, GEORGIA (GA), RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO GA, FROM HOUSTON, TX, IN THE MALE DRIVER'S 1995 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK BEARING TX PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE BED COMPARTMENT. ACCESS WAS GAINED TO THE FALSE COMPARTMENT FROM UNDERNEATH THE BED OF THE PICKUP TRUCK.

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), 1 GRAM 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 SEIZURE REPORTS RECEIVED AT EPIC.

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3. REMARKS: INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT IS EXPECTED TO TRANSPORT 200 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA FROM TUCSON, AZ TO NEW YORK STATE, IN A RED 1999 OLDSMOBILE SEDAN, COLORADO LICENSE METHOD OF CONCEALMENT IS NOT KNOWN VEHICLE IS A RENTAL.
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ON NOVEMBER 20 AT 2030 HOURS, THE ARIZONA (AZ) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 301 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON A CITY STREET IN COCHISE COUNTY, THE SONORA, MEXICO (MX). RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION FROM PALOMINAS, AZ, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1993 MERCURY VILLAGER, BEARING AZ PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 35 PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA, WHICH WERE FOUND IN A BURLAP SACK LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE VEHICLE. THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN DIFFERENT COLORED CONTACT PAPER.

ON NOVEMBER 23 AT 2045 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED 310 GMS OF HEROIN FROM A FEMALE MEXICAN NATIONAL ACCOMPANIED BY HER TWO THREE-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTERS. THE WOMAN WAS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, THE ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA (CA). RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO BAKER, CA, FROM ONTARIO, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1994 BUICK LESABRE, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE HEROIN LOCATED INSIDE ONE OF THE DAUGHTERS'

ON NOVEMBER 24 AT 0800 HOURS, THE WESLACO, TEXAS (TX), POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD) SEIZED 15,650 DOSAGE UNITS (DUS) OF KETAMINE AND 3,180 DUS OF STEROIDS FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 83 IN CAMERON COUNTY. THE AUSTIN, TX. RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TX. FROM MX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1997 DODGE, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND, WHICH WAS WRAPPED IN PLASTIC BAGS, PLACED IN A CARDBOARD BOX, AND LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON NOVEMBER 25 AT 1034 HOURS, THE TOHONO O'ODHAM PD. AZ, SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 103 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALE NATIVE AMERICANS TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON HWY 86 IN PIMA

COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF WHY, AZ, AND THE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF CASA GRANDE, AZ, WERE EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX, AZ, FROM PIAOIK VILLAGE, ON THE TOHONO O'ODHAM RESERVATION. IN THE DRIVER'S 1983 CHEVROLET BLAZER, BEARING AZ PLATES. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 32 PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA, WHICH WERE WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE AND FOIL, AND LOCATED IN PLAIN VIEW IN THE BACKSEAT AND CARGO AREA OF THE VEHICLE.

ON NOVEMBER 26 AT 2030 HOURS, THE RANKIN COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI (MS), SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 558 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-20. THE

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TWO MORENO VALLEY, CA. RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO EITHER BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA (AL). OR ATLANTA, GEORGIA (GA). FROM EL PASO, TX. IN THE MALE DRIVER'S 1988 FORD EL DORADO MOTORHOME, BEARING TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE MOTORHOME LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN FALSE COMPARTMENTS LOCATED IN THE WALLS AND UNDERNEATH THE BED. EACH BUNDLE OF MARIJUANA WEIGHED ABOUT 14 POUNDS (LBS) AND WAS WRAPPED IN ALUMINUM FOIL, GREASE, PEPPER, AND PLASTIC.

ON NOVEMBER 30, THE TX DPS SEIZED \$209,000 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-35 IN ELLIS COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF DALLAS, TX, AND THE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF KAUFMAN, TX, WERE EN ROUTE TO MX. FROM DALLAS. IN THE DRIVER'S 1989 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX, BEARING TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT UNDERNEATH THE CARPETING.

ON NOVEMBER 30 AT 0358 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1 KG OF COCAINE AND 49 GMS OF HEROIN FROM THREE MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF MADRAS, OREGON (OR), PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF MADRAS, OR, AND THE SECOND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF SEASIDE, OR, WERE EN ROUTE TO MADRAS, FROM MIRA LOMA, CA. IN THE SECOND PASSENGER'S 1987 NISSAN SENTRA, BEARING OR PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE DRUGS LOCATED BEHIND THE LEFT REAR INTERIOR PANEL. THE HEROIN WAS WRAPPED IN THICK LAYERS OF PLASTIC, AND MASKED WITH GARLIC AND PEPPER. THE COCAINE WAS WRAPPED IN THICK LAYERS OF PLASTIC AND TAPE, AND WAS MASKED WITH SOAP AND RED PEPPER.

ON NOVEMBER 30 AT 0840 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 21 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE SAN DIEGO, CA. RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CA. FROM SAN DIEGO, CA. IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1988 NISSAN SENTRA, BEARING CA PLATES. THE VEHICLE ENTERED THE U.S. THROUGH THE SAN YSIDRO, CA. POINT OF ENTRY WITHIN 24 HOURS OF THE TRAFFIC STOP. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WHICH WAS WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE AND LOCATED IN THE VEHICLE'S QUARTER PANELS.

ON NOVEMBER 30 AT 1510 HOURS, THE AZ DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 177 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 89 IN COCONINO COUNTY. THE TWO PHOENIX, AZ. RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1999 CHEVROLET BLAZER, BEARING FLORIDA (FL) PLATES. AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A SUITCASE AND TWO DUFFEL BAGS. THE SUITCASE WAS LOCATED BEHIND THE DRIVER'S SEAT. AND THE TWO DUFFEL BAGS WERE LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA.

ON NOVEMBER 30 AT 1600 HOURS, THE SOUTH TX SPECIALIZED CRIME NARCOTICS TASK FORCE (TF) SEIZED \$1,569,633 USC FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON HWY 281 IN JIM WELLS COUNTY. THE TWO MEXICAN RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MX. FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (IL). IN A RENTED 1999 BUICK LESABRE, BEARING IL PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, WHICH WAS IN CARDBOARD BOXES LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON DECEMBER 1 AT 1420 HOURS, THE AZ DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 8 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN MARICOPA COUNTY. THE CATHEDRAL CITY, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX, AZ. FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 NISSAN ALTIMA, BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 14 PACKAGES OF METH, WHICH WERE FOUND FLOATING IN THE GAS TANK. ACCESS TO THE GAS TANK COMPARTMENT WAS GAINED BY REMOVING A PLATE, WHICH REVEALED A .6-INCH DIAMETER OPENING LOCATED UNDER THE REAR PASSENGER SEAT.

ON DECEMBER 1 AT 2320 HOURS, THE CHP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1 KG OF METH FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING

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- NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF COMPTON, CA, AND THE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF MAYWOOD, CA, WERE EN ROUTE TO MAYWOOD, CA, FROM MOUNTAIN HOME, IDAHO (ID), IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1994 FORD THUNDERBIRD, BEARING ID PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH LOCATED BEHIND THE REAR RADIO SPEAKER AND THE LEFT REAR QUARTER PANEL.

ON DECEMBER 2 AT 0945 HOURS, THE CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS (AR), SO SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 362 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40. THE SAN FRANCISCO, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE (TN), FROM VAN NUYS, CA, IN COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1996 FORD PICKUP TRUCK, TOWING A PRIVATELY-OWNED 22-FOOT HOMEHADE CAR HAULER TRAILER. THE CAR HAULER WAS TRANSPORTING A 1965 FORD MUSTANG. BOTH THE PICKUP TRUCK AND CAR HAULER TRAILER BORE CA PLATES. THE MUSTANG BORE AZ PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNERS OF THE VEHICLES WERE NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE CAR HAULER TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA. THE MARIJUANA WAS PACKAGED IN A PLASTIC BAG, WRAPPED WITH BROWN TAPE. ANOTHER PLASTIC BAG, MORE BROWN TAPE, AND FINALLY SMEARED WITH GREASE. THE PACKAGES WERE LOCATED IN A 7-INCH

DEEP FALSE COMPARTMENT BUILT UNDERNEATH THE BED OF THE CAR HAULER, WHICH SPANNED THE ENTIRE LENGTH AND WIDTH OF THE TRAILER.

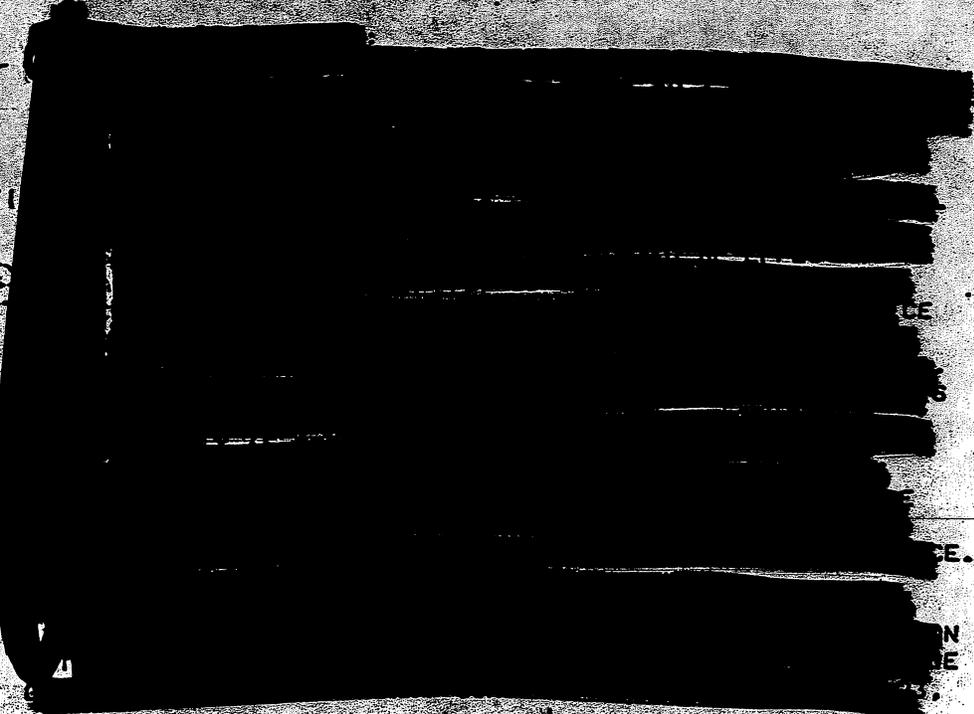
ON DECEMBER 2 AT 1138 HOURS, THE SULPHUR, LOUISIANA (LA), PD SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 413 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN CALCASIEU COUNTY. THE GAINESVILLE, FL, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GA, FROM HOUSTON, TX, IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1993 PETERBILT TRACTOR, TOWING A 1988 UNIDENTIFIED TRAILER. BOTH THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER BORE FL PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN SIX BOXES LOCATED IN THE TRAILER.

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1999. A LIGHT BROWN POWDER WAS SEIZED DURING A NARCOTIC-RELATED ARREST IN SAN CLEMENTE, CALIFORNIA. THE POWDER WAS DETERMINED TO BE FENTANYL, A DANGEROUS AND VERY POTENT DRUG. THE DRUG IS COMMERCIALY MANUFACTURED FOR USE AS AN ANESTHETIC AND FOR THE RELIEF OF CHRONIC PAIN. FENTANYL CAN ALSO BE MANUFACTURED ILLEGALLY AND IS OFTEN SOLD AS HEROIN, THOUGH IT IS A HUNDRED TO A THOUSAND TIMES MORE POTENT. THE DRUG IS SOLD ON THE STREETS IN POWDERED FORM, AND MAY BE BROWN, TAN, OR WHITE IN COLOR, RESEMBLING POWDERED HEROIN. IT IS KNOWN BY ITS STREET NAMES "CHINA WHITE," "P-FUNK," "P-DOPE," OR "POISON." FENTANYL IS COMMONLY ADMINISTERED BY INTRAVENOUS INJECTION, BUT MAY BE SNORTED OR SMOKED. THE DRUG ACTS SO RAPIDLY, AND IS SO POTENT, THAT SOME USERS WERE FOUND DEAD WITH THE NEEDLES STILL IN THEIR ARMS. THIS IS A CONCERN FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AS THE DRUG CAN BE ABSORBED THROUGH THE SKIN. AS LITTLE AS TWO MILLIGRAMS MAY BE FATAL. EXTREME CAUTION MUST BE USED WHEN DEALING WITH CONTRABAND SUSPECTED OF BEING FENTANYL. SKIN CONTACT WITH THE POWDER, OR INHALING AIRBORNE POWDER MUST BE AVOIDED. THERE IS NO PRESUMPTIVE COLOR TEST AT THIS TIME, AND THEREFORE, NO PRESUMPTIVE TEST SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IF THERE IS PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF THE PRESENCE OF FENTANYL. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT DEPENDING ON WHAT FENTANYL IS CUT WITH, A PRESUMPTIVE TEST MAY RESULT IN THE APPEARANCE OF METHAMPHETAMINE, EVEN THOUGH THERE IS NONE PRESENT. THE EFFECTS OF FENTANYL WILL MIMIC HEROIN. BUT A ROUTINE BLOOD ANALYSIS WILL NOT DETECT ITS PRESENCE. AN OVERDOSE OF FENTANYL MUST NOT BE TREATED AS A HEROIN OVERDOSE AS THE PERSON WILL REACT TO NARCAN, WHICH IS USED TO TREAT HEROIN OVERDOSES. QUESTIONS REGARDING DRUG TESTING AND/OR BLOOD ANALYSIS PROCEDURES CAN BE REFERRED TO A REGIONAL LAB, OR

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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), 1 GRAM OF HEROIN, 454 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF LSI, 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 SEIZURE REPORTS RECEIVED AT EPI C.

IF EPIC CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, AT [REDACTED] OR VIA TELETYPE. PCC IS [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] UNIT CHIEF.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
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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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SEIZURES ARE INCLUDED IF THEY MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: 5 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE; 100 KGS OF MARIJUANA; 28 GMS OF HEROIN; 500 GMS OF CRACK COCAINE; 1 KG OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH); AND \$100,000. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC AND SATISFYING THE ABOVE CRITERIA SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

ON NOVEMBER 23 AT 1130 HOURS, THE ARIZONA (AZ) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 109 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN NAVAJO COUNTY. THE SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA (CA). RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS (MA). FROM LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (NV), IN A RENTED 1999 CADILLAC, BEARING FLORIDA (FL) PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA LOCATED IN THE TRUNK. TWELVE PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA, WRAPPED IN PLASTIC SHRINK-WRAP AND CONTACT PAPER. WERE SEIZED.

ON NOVEMBER 27 AT 1130 HOURS, THE OHIO (OH) HIGHWAY PATROL (HP) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 136 KGS OF MARIJUANA AND \$7,126 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM A CANADIAN MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80 IN LUCAS COUNTY. THE ROBERTA, CANADA (CD), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO TOLEDO, OH, FROM AZ. IN HIS 1992 DODGE RAM, BEARING CD PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE ROOF COMPARTMENT IN THE CAMPER SHELL OF THE TRUCK. TWENTY-FIVE BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA, WRAPPED IN BLUE AND GREEN CONTACT PAPER, WERE SEIZED.

ON DECEMBER 1 AT 1700 HOURS, THE MISSOURI (MO) HP SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 7 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-44 IN GREENE COUNTY. THE IXTAPALAPA, MEXICO (MX). RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (IL), FROM MEXICO CITY, MX, IN HIS VOLKSWAGEN, BEARING MX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE LOCATED IN THE SPARE TIRE.

ON DECEMBER 1 AT 1857 HOURS, THE AZ DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 175 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES AND A FEMALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON S.R. 85 IN MARICOPA COUNTY. THE FEMALE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF MESA, AZ, AND THE MALE PASSENGER, WERE TRAVELING IN THE LOAD VEHICLE, A RENTED 1999 FORD F-150 PICKUP TRUCK, BEARING AZ PLATES. THE OTHER MALE, ALSO A RESIDENT OF MESA, AZ, WAS ESCORTING THE LOAD VEHICLE IN HIS

1989 TOYOTA PICKUP, BEARING AZ PLATES. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE PICKUP TRUCK LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA OBSERVED IN PLAIN VIEW IN THE BED AND CAB OF THE TRUCK.

ON DECEMBER 2 AT 1607 HOURS, THE TEXAS (TX) DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 190 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING ON U.S. 33 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO MISSION, TX, FROM ROMA, TX, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 DODGE INTREPID BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AN

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INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA. LOCATED IN THE TRUNK AND REAR SEAT AREA.

ON DECEMBER 3 AT 0912 HOURS, THE AZ DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 4 KGS OF PHENCYCLIDINE HYDROCHLORIDE (PCP) FROM TWO MALES AND A FEMALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN YAVAPAI COUNTY. THE FEMALE DRIVER. A RESIDENT OF KANSAS CITY, MO. THE MALE PASSENGER. A RESIDENT OF CARSON, CA, AND THE SECOND MALE PASSENGER. A RESIDENT OF LANWOOD, CA. WERE EN ROUTE TO KANSAS CITY, MO. OR KANSAS (KS), FROM LOS ANGELES, CA, IN A RENTED 1995 PONTIAC. BEARING CA PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE PCP. WHICH WAS CONTAINED IN VINEGAR BOTTLES LOCATED IN A GIFT-WRAPPED BOX IN THE TRUNK.

ON DECEMBER 3 AT 1000 HOURS. THE FORT BEND COUNTY, TX. SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 280 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING ON A CITY STREET IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE MERCEDES, TX. RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MCALLEN, TX, FROM MX. IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1983 FORD VAN, BEARING MX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VAN LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 98 BRICKS OF PCP, WHICH WERE FOUND IN 11 BURLAP SACKS LOCATED IN THE BACK OF THE VAN.

ON DECEMBER 4 AT 1345 HOURS, THE MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE (TN), POLICE DEPARTMENT (PD) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 8 KGS OF COCAINE

FROM A MEXICAN COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN SHELBY COUNTY. THE TWO PHOENIX, AZ. RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA (SC). FROM PHOENIX, IN A RENTED 1999 NISSAN ALTIMA, BEARING UTAH (UT) PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE LOCATED IN THE GAS TANK.

ON DECEMBER 5 AT 1218 HOURS, THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA METRO INTERDICTION TEAM SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1.5 KGS OF METH AND \$1,222 USC FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-35 IN OKLAHOMA COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF BELLFLOWER, CA. AND THE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF MX. WERE EN ROUTE TO WICHITA, KS. FROM LOS ANGELES, CA. IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1989 CHEVROLET BERETTA, BEARING NEW MEXICO (NM) PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH LOCATED IN THE GAS TANK.

ON DECEMBER 5 AT 1330 HOURS, THE FORT BEND COUNTY, TX, SO SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 108 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 59. THE HOUSTON, TX. RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, FROM SARINAS. NUEVO LEON, MX. IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1986 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN, BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND IN A FALSE ROOF COMPARTMENT. THE MARIJUANA WAS WRAPPED IN KILO-SIZE BRICKS. COATED IN RED LIQUID FIBERGLASS, AND CONCEALED IN STEEL CONTAINERS BOLTED TO THE ROOF OF THE VEHICLE.

ON DECEMBER 5 AT 1837 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED 30 KGS OF METH AND 631 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 IN KLEBERG COUNTY. THE HOUSTON, TX. RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, FROM BROWNSVILLE, TX. IN A COMMERCIALY-OWNED 1994 PETERBILT TRACTOR, TOWING A 1999 POLAR TANK TRAILER. BOTH THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER BORE TX PLATES. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TANK TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE DRUGS.

ON DECEMBER 4, THE AZ DPS SEIZED \$100,097 USC FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-40 IN MOHAVE COUNTY. THE KANSAS CITY, MO. RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO RIVERSIDE, CA. FROM KANSAS CITY, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1997 DODGE INTREPID, BEARING MO PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE USC, HIDDEN IN AN ELECTRONICALLY-CONTROLLED FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED BEHIND THE PASSENGER

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BUTTON LOCATED UNDERNEATH THE DASHBOARD. THE USC WAS
WRAPPED IN PLASTIC AND VACUUM-SEALED TWICE. A DRUG-
DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO THE PACKAGES ONCE THEY WERE
UNWRAPPED.

ON DECEMBER 6 AT 1700 HOURS, THE IL STATE POLICE (SP) SEIZED
APPROXIMATELY 1,235 KGS OF MARIJUANA AND \$1,994 USC FROM A
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NEBRASKA STATE PATROL
NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE
SUBJECT: EPIC NLETS INTELLIGENCE ALERT ([REDACTED])
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1. REFERENCES TELECON ON 121799 WITH [REDACTED] DEA PHILADELPHIA, PA DO REQUESTING AN EPIC NLETS INTELLIGENCE ALERT.
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WEEK ENDING 12/18/99

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ON DECEMBER 6 AT 2200 HOURS, THE HIDALGO COUNTY, NEW MEXICO (NM), SHERIFF'S OFFICE (SO) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 353 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN ON STATE ROUTE 80. THE DRIVER ATTEMPTED TO ELUDE OFFICERS, RESULTING IN A HIGH SPEED CHASE THROUGH I-10 WESTBOUND. A SPIKE BELT WAS DEPLOYED BY NM STATE POLICE, WHICH PUNCTURED THE RIGHT FRONT TIRE OF THE VEHICLE. THE DRIVER THEN EXITED I-10 ONTO STATE ROUTE 80 AND CAME TO A STOP. THE GLOBE, ARIZONA (AZ), RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING FROM MEXICO (MX) TO AN UNSPECIFIED DESTINATION IN A RENTED 2000 FORD EXPEDITION BEARING AZ PLATES. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE 14 DUFFEL BAGS LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA.

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ON DECEMBER 7 AT 1400 HOURS, THE CENTRAL OKLAHOMA METRO INTERDICTION TEAM (COMIT) SEIZED \$112,040 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM TWO MALE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-35 IN OKLAHOMA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA (OK). THE DRIVER AND PASSENGER, BOTH KANSAS CITY, KANSAS (KS) RESIDENTS, WERE EN ROUTE TO ALBUQUERQUE, NM, WITH A FINAL DESTINATION OF MX, FROM KANSAS CITY. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1994 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS BEARING KS PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE SIX BUNDLES LOCATED IN A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT BEHIND THE DASHBOARD AND NEXT TO THE FIREWALL.

ON DECEMBER 8 AT 1710 HOURS, THE RUSSELL COUNTY, KS, SO SEIZED \$103,140 USC FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-70. THE KANSAS CITY, KS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO BURLINGTON, COLORADO (CO), FROM KANSAS CITY, IN A RENTED 1999 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER BEARING MISSOURI (MO) PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF CURRENCY, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE A STETSON HAT BOX LOCATED ON THE REAR SEAT.

ON DECEMBER 12 AT 0510 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA (LA) STATE POLICE SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1087 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE JAMAICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN ST. MARTIN PARISH, LA. THE ROCHESTER, NEW YORK (NY), RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1993 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR TOWING A 1991 UTILITY REFRIGERATED TRAILER, BOTH BEARING OK PLATES. THE DRIVER WAS EN ROUTE TO SPRINGFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS (MA), FROM MCALLEN, TEXAS (TX). A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE TRAILER RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE DUFFEL BAGS LOCATED ON TOP OF THE OTHERWISE LEGITIMATE LOAD OF PRODUCE.

ON DECEMBER 13 AT 1726 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA (CA) HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 7 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. HIGHWAY 395 IN MONO COUNTY, CA. THE FONTANA, CA, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 NISSAN ALTIMA BEARING CA PLATES EN ROUTE TO PORTLAND, OREGON (OR), FROM FONTANA. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF METH, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE THE PASSENGER'S SIDE AIR BAG COMPARTMENT AND INSIDE THE QUARTER PANELS ON THE DOORS.

ON DECEMBER 14 AT 1715 HOURS, THE CA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 3 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CA. THE ANAHEIM, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA (MN) FROM ANAHEIM IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1988 TOYOTA TERCEL BEARING MN PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF METH, WHICH WAS FOUND IN SEVEN PACKAGES LOCATED INSIDE THE LEFT REAR QUARTER PANEL.

ON DECEMBER 15 AT 1425 HOURS, THE TX DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED \$168,529 USC FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING ON U.S. HIGHWAY 77 IN KLEBERG COUNTY, TX. THE DRIVER, A MERCED, CA, RESIDENT, AND PASSENGER, A TAMAULIPAS, MX, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO MEXICO FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS (IL), IN A 1997 CHEVROLET MALIBU BEARING MX PLATES. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF CURRENCY, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE AN ELECTRONICALLY-

ON DECEMBER 15 AT 1458 HOURS, THE CA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 22 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10 IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CA. THE CALEXICO, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CA, FROM CALEXICO IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1997 DODGE RAM PICKUP BEARING CA PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND IN 20 PACKAGES LOCATED IN THE GAS TANK. ONE OF THE INDICATORS NOTED DURING THE SEARCH WAS THAT SEVERAL OF THE TRUCK BED BOLTS WERE MISSING, INDICATING THAT THE BED HAD POSSIBLY BEEN REMOVED AND REATTACHED.

ON DECEMBER 17 AT 0234 HOURS, THE CA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 7 KGS OF METH AND \$1,700 USC FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CA. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF SAN JOSE, CA, AND PASSENGER, A ST. PAUL, MN, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO ST. PAUL FROM MX IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 OLDSMOBILE 88 BEARING MN PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF METH, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE THE LEFT AND RIGHT ROCKER PANELS. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND INSIDE THE DRIVER'S FRONT POCKETS.

ON DECEMBER 18 AT 1351 HOURS, THE IL STATE POLICE SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 157 KGS OF MARIJUANA AND \$437 USC FROM THREE MALE RESIDENTS OF IL TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80 IN LA SALLE COUNTY, IL. THE DRIVER, A U.S. CITIZEN, AND TWO PASSENGERS, BOTH POLISH CITIZENS, WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, IL, FROM PHOENIX, AZ, IN A RENTED 1998 FORD MOTORHOME BEARING WASHINGTON (WA) PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE MOTORHOME RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF MARIJUANA AND CURRENCY, WHICH WERE FOUND INSIDE PLASTIC BAGS LOCATED BENEATH THE BED, ON THE FLOOR OF THE SHOWER, AND INSIDE SEVERAL CABINETS.

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ON DECEMBER 2 AT 1200 HOURS, THE KANSAS (KS) STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$144,750 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-70 IN THOMAS COUNTY, KS. THE PEMBROKE PINES, FLORIDA (FL), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA (NV); FROM NEW JERSEY (NJ) IN A RENTED 1999 FORD CONTOUR BEARING NJ PLATES. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT AND SUBSEQUENT SEARCH RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF CURRENCY, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE TWO DUFFEL BAGS LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.



ON DECEMBER 9 AT 1251 HOURS, THE COLORADO (CO) STATE PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 4 KGS OF PSILOCYBIN MUSHROOMS FROM TWO MALE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-76 IN MORGAN COUNTY, CO. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF GOLDEN, CO, AND PASSENGER, A NEDERLAND, CO, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO MASSACHUSETTS (MA) FROM NEDERLAND, IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1988 TOYOTA FORERUNNER BEARING CO PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF EIGHT BAGS OF PSILOCYBIN MUSHROOMS, WHICH WERE FOUND INSIDE A DUFFEL BAG LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA.

ON DECEMBER 15 AT 0918 HOURS, THE ARIZONA (AZ) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 17 KGS OF COCAINE AND \$1,596 USC FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN COCONINO COUNTY, AZ. THE PHOENIX, AZ, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CLEVELAND, OHIO (OH), FROM PHOENIX, IN A RENTED 1999 FORD TAURUS STATION WAGON BEARING NEW YORK (NY) PLATES. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF COCAINE, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE A LARGE TUPPERWARE CONTAINER, WRAPPED AS A CHRISTMAS PRESENT, AND HIDDEN INSIDE A SUITCASE ON THE CARGO AREA FLOOR. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND INSIDE THE POCKETS OF THE DRIVER'S CLOTHING.

ON DECEMBER 16 AT 2109 HOURS, THE KS STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 162 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A FEMALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-35 IN JOHNSON COUNTY, KS. THE BORGER, TEXAS (TX), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI (MO), FROM DALLAS, TX, IN PRIVATELY-OWNED 1984 LINCOLN BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF 201 PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA, WHICH WERE FOUND INSIDE FIVE DUFFEL BAGS LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON DECEMBER 17 AT 0940 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA (CA) HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 158 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-8 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY, CA. THE DRIVER, WHO STATED HE IS HOMELESS AND STAYING IN SAN DIEGO, CA, WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, FROM BOULEVARD, CA, IN A RENTED 1993 FORD SEDAN BEARING CA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE FOUR DUFFEL BAGS LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON DECEMBER 19 AT 2020 HOURS, THE CA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 3 KGS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM TWO MALE MEXICAN NATIONALS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CA. THE DRIVER AND PASSENGER, BOTH RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES, CA, WERE EN ROUTE TO MINNESOTA (MN) FROM LOS ANGELES, IN THE DRIVER'S 1988 OLDSMOBILE 88 BEARING MN PLATES. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT AND SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF METHAMPHETAMINE, WHICH WAS FOUND HIDDEN INSIDE THE RUNNING BOARDS LOCATED ON THE RIGHT SIDE.

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ON DECEMBER 17 AT 2255 HOURS. THE RICHMOND HILL, GEORGIA (GA), POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 17,000 DCSAGE UNITS OF ECSTASY AND \$31,950 UNITED STATES CURRENCY (USC) FROM TWO MALE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95 IN BRYAN COUNTY, GA. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF BROOKLYN, NEW YORK (NY), AND PASSENGER, A VINELAND, NEW JERSEY (NJ), RESIDENT, WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1999 MERCURY MYSTIQUE BEARING NJ PLATES. THE VEHICLE WAS RENTED BY A THIRD PERSON WHO WAS NOT PRESENT, AND WAS OVERDUE FOR RETURN IN FLORIDA (FL) BY 9 HOURS. THE VEHICLE WAS ORIGINALLY RENTED FOR A ONE-WAY TRIP FROM NEW YORK, NY, TO FORT LAUDERDALE, FL. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF ECSTASY AND CURRENCY, WHICH WERE FOUND INSIDE BOXES WRAPPED AS CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND LOCATED IN THE TRUNK. EACH PILL OF ECSTASY WAS MARKED WITH EITHER "MITSUBISHI" OR THE SYMBOL FOR MITSUBISHI.

ON DECEMBER 22 AT 1630 HOURS, THE TEXAS (TX) DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (DPS) SEIZED \$385.195 USC FROM TWO FEMALE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. HIGHWAY 77 IN NUECES COUNTY, TX. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF LA FERIA, TX, AND HER MOTHER, A RESIDENT OF WESLACO, TX, WERE EN ROUTE TO MCALLEN, TX, FROM HOUSTON, TX. IN THE DRIVER'S 1996 FORD CONTOUR BEARING TX PLATES. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT AND SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF CURRENCY, WHICH WAS FOUND HIDDEN INSIDE AN ELECTRONICALLY-CONTROLLED COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE PASSENGER'S SIDE AIR BAG.

ON DECEMBER 25 AT 1605 HOURS, THE TOHONO O'ODHAM POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 113 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE U.S. RESIDENT TRAVELING ALONG A LOCAL STREET IN PIKA COUNTY, ARIZONA (AZ). THE TUCSON, AZ, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1980 GMC PICKUP BEARING AZ PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF MARIJUANA, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE BED.

ON DECEMBER 29 AT 1058 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED \$350.134 USC FROM A FEMALE AND A MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10 IN SUTTON COUNTY, TX. THE DRIVER, A FEMALE RESIDENT OF HOUSTON, TX, AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF BIRMINGHAM,

ALABAMA (AL), WERE EN ROUTE TO FORT BLISS, TX, FROM HOUSTON, TX. IN THE DRIVER'S 1997 CHRYSLER BEARING TX PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF CURRENCY, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE A DUFFEL BAG LOCATED IN THE TRUNK. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE RELEASED FOLLOWING WRITTEN STATEMENTS DISCLAIMING OWNERSHIP AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE CURRENCY.

ON DECEMBER 30 AT 0935 HOURS, THE TX DPS SEIZED \$49.700, IN COUNTERFEIT \$100 BILLS, FROM A MALE U.S. CITIZEN TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-35 IN GARVIN COUNTY, TX. THE KANSAS CITY, KANSAS (KS), RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TX, FROM KANSAS CITY, IN A RENTED 1999 BUICK BEARING MISSOURI (MO) PLATES. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT AND SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY, WHICH WAS FOUND INSIDE A BLACK PLASTIC BAG LOCATED

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ON TOP OF THE SPARE TIRE COMPARTMENT IN THE TRUNK. THE INDICATOR FOR THE COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY WAS THAT EACH \$100 BILL WAS PRINTED ON NEW PAPER. BUT IN THE OLDER STYLE OF \$100 BILLS. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE SUBJECT MAY HAVE ALREADY PASSED AT LEAST \$300 OF THE COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY DURING HIS TRIP.

ON DECEMBER 31 AT 1315 HOURS. THE TX DPS SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 68 GRAMS OF MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN FROM TWO MALE U.S. CITIZENS TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. HIGHWAY 183 IN TRAVIS COUNTY, TX. THE AUSTIN, TX. RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING WITHIN AUSTIN IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1997 HONDA ACCORD BEARING TX PLATES. THE REGISTERED OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE DRIVER WAS DRIVING WITHOUT A VALID DRIVER'S LICENSE AND WAS ARRESTED DUE TO HAVING A WARRANT FOR HIS ARREST. AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF HEROIN. WHICH WAS FOUND HIDDEN BENEATH A CUP HOLDER LOCATED IN THE CENTER CONSOLE.

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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 SEIZURE REPORTS RECEIVED AT EPIC.

IF EPIC CAN BE OF ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CONTACT THE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, AT [REDACTED] OR VIA TELETYPE. POC IS [REDACTED]

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NEVADA STATE DIV OF INVEST (NARCOTICS)
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE
NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE

SECTION ONE OF TWO SECTIONS

SUBJECT: [REDACTED] OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 12/27/97

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NOV 30 - THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 209 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-85 IN GUILFORD COUNTY NEAR DURHAM. THE DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1981 PETERBILT CONVENTIONAL TRACTOR AND TRAILER, BOTH BEARING NORTH CAROLINA PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA IN THE TRACTOR. THE DRIVER WAS ARRESTED AND THE TRACTOR WAS SEIZED.

DEC 06 - THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED \$134,010 IN U.S. CURRENCY AT 1:52 HOURS FROM A JUVENILE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80 IN WARREN COUNTY. THE KEY WAS BISCAYNE, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO WEST PATTERSON, NEW JERSEY, FROM NEW YORK CITY IN A 1997 HONDA PASSPORT WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND INSIDE A GARBAGE BAG LOCATED ON THE REAR SEAT. A DRUG DETECTION

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WEST PATTERSON, NEW JERSEY, MALE
RESIDENT.

DEC 24 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 153
KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE
TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10 IN RIVERSIDE
COUNTY. THE YUMA, ARIZONA, RESIDENT WAS
EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES FROM YUMA IN A
1989 NISSAN MAXIMA BEARING ARIZONA
PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS
NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE
MARIJUANA INSIDE THE VEHICLE HIDDEN
UNDER A BLANKET. A DRUG-DETECTION
CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE
VEHICLE. THE SUBJECT WAS WEARING A
SECURITY-GUARD UNIFORM AT THE TIME OF
THE STOP.

A VEHICLE WITH THIS PLATE NUMBER
CROSSED AT THE CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA,
PORT OF ENTRY ON 11/20/97 AND 12/14/97;
AT THE SAN LUIS, ARIZONA, PORT OF ENTRY
ON 10/28/97; AND THE ANDRADE,
CALIFORNIA, PORT OF ENTRY ON 10/22/97.

DEC 28 - THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.8
KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AT 2325
HOURS FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND
IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A
GALT, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS
PASSENGER, A MEXICAN NATIONAL, WERE EN
ROUTE TO GALT IN A 1992 CHEVROLET
SILVERADO WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE
OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT.

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THE METHAMPHETAMINE WAS FOUND INSIDE A
GYM BAG LOCATED IN THE BED OF THE
PICKUP.

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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.

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NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
[REDACTED] OPERATION CONVOY

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WEEK ENDING 01/09/99

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ON DECEMBER 7, AT 1500 HOURS, THE NEW MEXICO (NM) STATE POLICE SEIZED 150 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40, IN QUAY COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A WHITE MALE RESIDENT OF DELTONA, FLORIDA (FL), AND PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF MEXICO, WERE EN ROUTE TO DELTONA FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA (AZ), IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1986 BUICK REGAL BEARING FL PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A DE BARY, FL, RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK, WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE AND SMEARED WITH GREASE AS A MASKING AGENT. ANOTHER MALE DELTONA, FL, RESIDENT, DRIVING HIS OWN 1993 BUICK BEARING FL PLATES, WAS ACCOMPANYING THE ABOVE SUBJECTS. A SEARCH OF THE SECOND VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF AN ADDITIONAL 48 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA, WRAPPED IN LIKE MANNER AS THE ABOVE SEIZURE.

ON JANUARY 7, AT 1125 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL (CHP) SEIZED \$443,986 IN U.S. CURRENCY (USC) FROM A BLACK FEMALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-40, IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE LYNWOOD, CA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LYNWOOD FROM ANNISTON, ALABAMA (AL), IN THE DRIVER'S 1991 BUICK REGAL BEARING AL PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE VEHICLE'S REAR QUARTER PANEL.

ON JANUARY 7, AT 1529 HOURS, THE BARSTOW, CALIFORNIA (CA), POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 4990 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM TWO WHITE MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15, IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA (OK), RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO OKLAHOMA CITY FROM ONTARIO, CA, IN THE DRIVER'S 1992 GMC PICKUP BEARING OK PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 10 PACKAGES OF CONTRABAND, WRAPPED IN GRAY DUCT TAPE, CONCEALED IN TWO MAN-MADE STORAGE COMPARTMENTS LOCATED IN THE CAB OF THE TRUCK.

ON JANUARY 8, AT 1100 HOURS, THE NOGALES, AZ, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 107 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON HIGHWAY 29, IN SANTA CRUZ COUNTY. THE DRIVER, AN UNKNOWN MALE WHO ABSCONDED, AND THE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF MEXICO, WERE EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION FROM NOGALES, SONORA, MEXICO (MM), IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1991 FORD ESCORT BEARING AZ PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE, A RIO RICO, AZ, RESIDENT, WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF SIX BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA IN WHITE PLASTIC GUNNYSACKS, WITH NO MARKINGS, IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK AND BACK SEAT.

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SUBJECT: OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
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WEEK ENDING 12/05/98

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ON NOVEMBER 18, AT 0630 HOURS, THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE SEIZED \$1,000,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95, IN PHILADELPHIA COUNTY. THE NOGALES, ARIZONA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO NOGALES FROM PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, IN A 1992 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR WITH ARIZONA PLATES, TOWING A TRAILER WITH NEVADA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY HIDDEN WITHIN THE FRONT WALL OF THE TRAILER.

ON NOVEMBER 21. AT 1710 HOURS. THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 112 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON US-77, IN REFUGIO COUNTY. THE BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CORDELE, GEORGIA, FROM BROWNSVILLE. IN A COMPANY-OWNED KENWORTH TRACTOR, TOWING A TRAILER. BOTH VEHICLES BORE TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF CLOTHING IN THE TRAILER.

ON NOVEMBER 23, AT 1215 HOURS, THE CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 10 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON US-77. THE RIO HONDO, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, FROM SAN BENITO, TEXAS, IN A 1992 MITSUBISHI MIRAGE WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE CENTER CONSOLE.

ON NOVEMBER 30, AT 1330 HOURS, THE EL PASO COUNTY, TEXAS, SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEIZED 174 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-10. THE MEXICAN NATIONAL MALE WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNSPECIFIED LOCATION FROM MEXICO, IN A 1984 BUICK REGAL WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS

NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN DUFFLE BAGS, ON THE REAR FLOOR AND IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

ON DECEMBER 1, AT 0932 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 17 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-10, IN SAINT MARTIN PARISH. THE HAW RIVER, NORTH CAROLINA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO HAW RIVER, FROM SANTA ROSA, TEXAS, IN A 1998 HONDA ACCORD WITH NORTH CAROLINA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND, WRAPPED IN DUCT TAPE AND PLASTIC BAGS, CONCEALED WITHIN THE GAS TANK.

ON DECEMBER 2, AT 0545 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 554 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-35, IN FRIO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A LAREDO, TEXAS, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A DALLAS, TEXAS, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, FROM LAREDO. IN A 1993 COMPANY-OWNED FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR. THE TRACTOR WAS TOWING A 1991 BOX TRAILER.

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NEVADA STATE DIV OF INVEST (NARCOTICS)
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE
NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE
NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE

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SUBJECT: OPERATION PIPELINE
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BOTH VEHICLES BORE TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN 10 DUFFLE BAGS IN THE TRAILER. COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF PRODUCE (NFI).

ON DECEMBER 2. AT 0930 HOURS. THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 12 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO FEMALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-10, IN EL PASO COUNTY. THE FABENS, TEXAS. RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TEXAS, FROM EL PASO, TEXAS. IN THE DRIVER'S 1991 FORD THUNDERBIRD, WHICH BORE TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE REAR QUARTER PANELS.

ON DECEMBER 3. 1998, AT 0824 HOURS. THE PALMVIEW, TEXAS. POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 237 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON US-83. THE MISSION, TEXAS. RESIDENT WAS IN A 1994 MERCURY WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND ON THE BACK SEAT AND IN THE TRUNK.

ON DECEMBER 5. 1998. AT 0303 HOURS. THE COLLETON COUNTY. SOUTH CAROLINA. SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEIZED \$469,014 IN U.S.

CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95. THE EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA. RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO FLORIDA. FROM NEW YORK. IN A RENTED 1998 OLDSMOBILE INTRIGUE WITH NEVADA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT. LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN A CHRISTMAS TREE-STAND BOX AND IN A COOLER. IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

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ON DECEMBER 5, 1998, AT 1945 HOURS, THE KIMBLE COUNTY, TEXAS, SHERIFF'S OFFICE SEIZED \$576,810 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-10. THE ASPEN, COLORADO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NOGALES, ARIZONA, FROM TAMPA, FLORIDA, IN A RENTED 1999 TOYOTA CAMRY WITH FLORIDA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN AN ICE CHEST, A WOMAN'S PURSE, AND WRAPPED AS CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

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SUBJECT: OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 11/07/98

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ON OCTOBER 27, AT 1815 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON SR-152 IN MERCED COUNTY. THE PHOENIX, ARIZONA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, FROM PHOENIX IN HIS 1990 NISSAN SENTRA WITH ARIZONA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE VEHICLE'S GEAR-SHIFT BOOT AND REAR QUARTER PANELS.

ON OCTOBER 30, AT 1640 HOURS, THE EL PASO POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS. SEIZED 123 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON US-54. THE EL PASO RESIDENT WAS IN A 1938 FORD CROWN VICTORIA WITH NEW MEXICO PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON NOVEMBER 4, AT 1630 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 124 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-10 IN GONZALES COUNTY. THE SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, FROM EAGLE PASS, TEXAS, IN A 1993 CHEVROLET WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON NOVEMBER 4, AT 1315 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 18 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-10 IN GUADALUPE COUNTY. THE HARLINGEN, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, FROM HARLINGEN IN A 1992 DODGE DAKOTA WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE VEHICLE'S GAS TANK (NFI).

ON NOVEMBER 5, AT 1510 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 127 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON SR-85 IN YUMA COUNTY. THE PHOENIX, ARIZONA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX FROM LUKEVILLE, ARIZONA, IN A COMPANY-OWNED PONTIAC SUNBIRD WITH ARIZONA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF BURLAP SACKS OF CONTRABAND ON THE BACK SEAT AND IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON NOVEMBER 5, AT 2151 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 126 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-35 IN WEBB COUNTY. THE LAREDO, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, FROM LAREDO IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1990 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR TOWING A 1969

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UTILITY TRAILER. BOTH VEHICLES BORE TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN 4 DUFFLE BAGS IN THE TRACTOR'S SLEEPER.

ON NOVEMBER 6, AT 0132 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 550 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY. THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SACRAMENTO FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1994 FORD ESCORT WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE RIGHT REAR QUARTER PANEL.

ON NOVEMBER 6, AT 11:00 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 104 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST IN PINAL COUNTY. THE TUCSON, ARIZONA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA, FROM TUCSON IN A RENTED 1998 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS WITH ARIZONA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON NOVEMBER 6, AT 1115 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED \$350,060 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-40 IN COCONINO COUNTY. THE SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SAN DIEGO FROM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, IN A RENTED 1992 ISUZU RODEO WITH TENNESSEE PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 29 BUNDLES OF CURRENCY WITHIN BOTH REAR DOOR PANELS. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS UTILIZED BUT DID NOT ALERT ON THE CURRENCY. THE BUNDLES WERE WRAPPED IN DUCT TAPE AND DRYER SHEETS.

ON NOVEMBER 6, AT 1428 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 990 DOSAGE UNITS OF VALIUM AND 579 DOSAGE UNITS OF ALPRAZOLAM FROM TWO MALES AND TWO FEMALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-35 IN GARVIN COUNTY. THE YUKON, OKLAHOMA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO YUKON FROM SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, IN A RENTED 1999 CHEVROLET BLAZER WITH KANSAS PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE VEHICLE'S LEFT REAR QUARTER PANEL.

ON NOVEMBER 6, AT 1755 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED 1,262 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-55 IN MCLEAN COUNTY. THE ALICE, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO BOLINGBROOK, ILLINOIS, FROM PHARR, TEXAS, IN HIS 1997 PETERBILT TRACTOR WITH TEXAS PLATES, TOWING A REFRIGERATED TRAILER. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND, NEAR THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER, COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF LIMES AND CUCUMBERS (NFI).

ON NOVEMBER 7, AT 2330 HOURS, THE REFUGIO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS, SEIZED 1,492 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON US-77. THE SAN BENITO, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM PHARR, TEXAS, IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1995 PETERSILT TRACTOR TOWING A 1993 GREAT DANE REFRIGERATED TRAILER. BOTH VEHICLES BORE TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF WATERMELONS IN THE TRAILER.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 10/31/98

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ON OCTOBER 16, AT 0745 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED 30 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-94 IN COOK COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, RESIDENCE NOT REPORTED, WERE IN THE DRIVER'S 1973 TOYOTA CAMRY WITH MASSACHUSETTS PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE VEHICLE'S GAS TANK. THE CONTRABAND WAS WRAPPED IN BROWN DUCT TAPE, AND PLACED INSIDE ZIPLOCK FREEZER BAGS.

ON OCTOBER 18, AT 0241 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 9 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A FEMALE AND MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-20 IN MADISON PARISH. THE DALLAS, TEXAS.

RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI. FROM DALLAS IN A RENTED 1999 FORD TAURUS WITH TEXAS PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF NINE PACKAGES OF CONTRABAND, WRAPPED IN BROWN PACKING TAPE. CONCEALED WITHIN THE FRONT DOOR PANELS.

ON OCTOBER 21, AT 1302 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5.5 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN GLENN COUNTY. THE ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ANDERSON, CALIFORNIA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1989 DODGE SHADOW WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT INSIDE THE VEHICLE'S GAS TANK.

ON OCTOBER 21, AT 1559 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.3 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN GLENN COUNTY. THE FOREST GROVE, OREGON, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PORTLAND, OREGON, FROM SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1990 FORD MUSTANG CONVERTIBLE WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE-ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THREE CELLOPHANE-WRAPPED PACKAGES OF CONTRABAND WITHIN THE CONVERTIBLE TOP STORAGE COMPARTMENT, BEHIND THE REAR SEAT.

ON OCTOBER 25, AT 1114 HOURS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 128 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-76 IN THOMAS COUNTY. THE WEST HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO WEST HOLLYWOOD FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA, IN A RENTED 1998 MERCURY MARQUIS WITH NEVADA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF 18 BUNDLES OF CONTRABAND IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON OCTOBER 26, AT 2000 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 663 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON US-59 IN POLK COUNTY, AND \$17,384 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A SECOND VEHICLE SHE WAS FOLLOWING. THE NATCHITOCHE, LOUISIANA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NATCHITOCHE FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS, IN A RENTED 1998 CHEVROLET PRIZM WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE SUBJECT WAS FOLLOWING A 1996 CHEVROLET IMPALA WITH TEXAS PLATES. CONTAINING THREE MALE NATCHITOCHE RESIDENTS. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CRACK COCAINE IN THE FEMALE'S PURSE, THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND IN THE LEAD VEHICLE, WITHIN A LEATHER POUCH, AND IN THE POCKETS OF THE MALE OCCUPANTS' CLOTHING AND SHOES THEY WERE WEARING.

ON OCTOBER 29, AT 1500 HOURS, THE MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 8 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-44 IN GREENE COUNTY. THE ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ROCHESTER FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS, IN A RENTED CHEVROLET BLAZER. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO

THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE SPARE TIRE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS UTILIZED, BUT DID NOT ALERT. AFTER THE OFFICER NOTICED SIGNS OF TAMPERING ON THE SPARE TIRE. A STETHOSCOPE WAS USED TO DETECT THE CONTRABAND. COFFEE GROUNDS AND GREASE WERE USED AS MASKING AGENTS.

ON OCTOBER 30, AT 1630 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.4 KGS OF METH FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON US-101 IN SAN MATEO. THE SAN PABLO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN PEDRO FROM REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1994 FORD EXPLORER WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A VACUUM CLEANER BAG IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

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ON OCTOBER 9, AT 1730 HOURS, THE LINCOLN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSISSIPPI, SEIZED 7 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-55. THE JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO JACKSON FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS, IN A RENTED 1998 DODGE CARAVAN WITH TEXAS PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF SEVEN PACKAGES OF MASKING TAPE WRAPPED CONTRABAND WITHIN THE PASSENGER SIDE REAR DOOR PANEL.

ON OCTOBER 10, AT 2130 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED \$668,806 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON US-281 IN JIM WELLS COUNTY. THE EDINBURG, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN THE PASSENGER'S 1996 VOLVO TRACTOR TOWING A UTILITY TRAILER. BOTH VEHICLES BORE TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN THE WALLS OF THE TRACTOR'S SLEEPER

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ON OCTOBER 13, AT 1753 HOURS, THE OLDHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS, SEIZED 1.6 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40. THE INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO DANVILLE, INDIANA, FROM FONTANA, CALIFORNIA, IN A RENTED 1998 CHEVROLET MALIBU WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN TWO LAUNDRY DETERGENT BUCKETS IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK. THERE WAS A PLASTIC BAG WITH TWO PACKAGES OF METH IN THE BOTTOM OF EACH DETERGENT BUCKET.

ON OCTOBER 13, AT 1904 HOURS, THE LAMAR COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA, SEIZED \$103,980 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-75. THE DRIVER, A MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI, RESIDENT, WERE IN A 1987 MERCURY SABLE WITH MISSOURI PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF SEVEN BUNDLES OF CURRENCY WITHIN THE RIGHT REAR DOOR PANEL. THE BUNDLES OF CURRENCY WERE WRAPPED IN DUCT TAPE AND AXLE GREASE USED AS A MASKING AGENT (NFI).

ON OCTOBER 15, AT 2230 HOURS, THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 562 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM TWO MALES AND A FEMALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95 IN MERCER COUNTY. THE TWO MALE BRONX, NEW YORK, RESIDENTS AND THE FEMALE PASSENGER WERE EN ROUTE TO THE BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, AREA IN 1993 LEXUS GS30 WITH MARYLAND PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A PLASTIC BAG IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON OCTOBER 19, AT 1410 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 12.5 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES AND A FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON US-395 IN INYO COUNTY. THE SUNNYSIDE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SUNNYSIDE FROM SOUTH

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GATE, CALIFORNIA, IN THE MALE DRIVER'S 1987 LINCOLN WITH WASHINGTON PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE LEFT REAR PANEL. THE CONTRABAND WAS ACCESSED THROUGH THE LEFT REAR TAILLIGHT.

ON OCTOBER 21, AT 0935 HOURS, THE MARYLAND STATE POLICE SEIZED 1 KG OF COCAINE AND 97 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95 IN PRINCE GEORGE COUNTY. THE NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NORFOLK FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK, IN A 1992 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX WITH VIRGINIA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK. THE SUBJECT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THREE MALE NORFOLK RESIDENTS TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1998 FORD TAURUS.

ON OCTOBER 21, AT 1600 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 4 KGS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN KERN COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A GARDEN GROVE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA, FROM SANTA ANA IN A 1988 NISSAN MAXIMA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE AND SUBJECTS LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND STRAPPED TO THE PASSENGER'S WAIST AND LEGS.

ON OCTOBER 21, AT 1750 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 308.7 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN COCONINK, VIRGINIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO N NORFOLK FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK, IN A 1992 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX WITH VIRGINIA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK. THE SUBJECT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THREE MALE NORFOLK RESIDENTS TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1998 FORD TCARGO AREA.

ON OCTOBER 22, AT 1700 HOURS, THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN NORTH CAROLINA, SEIZED \$549,980 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95. THE CORONA, NEW YORK, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM CORONA IN A 1989 FORD TAURUS WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN AN ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED COMPARTMENT BEHIND THE REAR SEAT. ACCESS TO THE COMPARTMENT WAS THROUGH THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON OCTOBER 23, AT 0018 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 11 KGS OF PCP FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING WEST ON SR-60 COUNTY. THE CANADIAN NATIONAL WAS EN ROUTE TO MONTREAL, CANADA, FROM CALIFORNIA IN A RENTED 1998 CHEVROLET ASTROVAN WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF TWO-HUNDRED-SIXTY CELLOPHANE AND MASKING TAPE WRAPPED CONTRABAND PACKAGES WITHIN MOVING BOXES IN THE VAN'S CARGO AREA.

ON OCTOBER 22, AT 1700 HOURS, THE CUMBERLAND CNTRABAND WITHIN GASOLINE CANS IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP TRUCK.

ON OCTOBER 23, AT 0830 HOURS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2 KGS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-70 IN LINCOLN COUNTY. THE SUGAR HILL, GEORGIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN THE DRIVER'S 1989 FORD CROWN VICTORIA WITH GEORGIA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF FIVE PACKAGES OF CONTRABAND, ALONG WITH A SMALL OPERATIONAL 12-VOLT BATTERY, WITHIN A HOLLOWED OUT VEHICLE BATTERY IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT. VACUUM-SEALED BAGS CONTAINED THE CONTRABAND IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A COMPTON, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO COMPTON FROM THE SALTON SEA AREA IN CALIFORNIA IN A 1988 DODGE RAMCHARGER WITH A CAMPER SHELL AND BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN GASOLINE CANS IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP TRUCK. OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-

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DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF TWO PACKAGES TIED TO THE REAR AXLE BENEATH THE VEHICLE AND SPRAYED WITH UNDERCOATING.

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), 1 GRAM 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 SEIZURE REPORTS

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****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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SEIZURES ARE INCLUDED IF THEY MEET OR EXCEED THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA: FIVE (5) KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF COCAINE; ONE HUNDRED (100) KGS OF MARIJUANA; TWENTY-EIGHT (28) GRAMS OF HEROIN; FIVE HUNDRED (500) GRAMS OF CRACK; ONE (1) KILOGRAM (KG) OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH); AND ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS. THIS TELETYPE INCLUDES ALL SEIZURES REPORTED TO EPIC AND SATISFYING THE ABOVE CRITERIA SINCE THE LAST HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT.

ON SEPTEMBER 25, AT 2200 HOURS, THE OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$150,000 FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-70 IN GUERNSEY COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A PHOENIX, ARIZONA, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A NEW YORK, NEW YORK, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK FROM COLUMBUS, OHIO, IN A RENTED 1998 CHEVROLET LUMINA WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN THREE PAPER BAGS BENEATH THE SPARE TIRE IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON OCTOBER 7, AT 1100 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 17 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN OLDHAM COUNTY. THE REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI, FROM CALIFORNIA IN A RENTED 1998 FORD TAURUS WITH MISSOURI PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE PASSENGER SIDE DOOR PANELS.

ON OCTOBER 7, AT 1505 HOURS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 113.5 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-70 IN THOMAS COUNTY. THE OHIO RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CINCINNATI, OHIO, FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA, IN HIS 1997 CHRYSLER LHS WITH OHIO PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN FOUR DUFFEL BAGS IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON OCTOBER 8, AT 1003 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA STATE PATROL SEIZED 8 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-12 IN SAINT TAMMANY PARISH. THE BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO BIRMINGHAM FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS, IN A RENTED 1998 FORD TAURUS WITH ALABAMA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A CARDBOARD BOX OF CLOTHING ON THE REAR SEAT.

ON OCTOBER 8, AT 1221 HOURS, THE BUTTS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA, SEIZED \$171,515 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-75. THE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO FLORIDA FROM VIRGINIA IN THE SUBJECT'S 1997 GMC PICKUP TRUCK WITH FLORIDA PLATES TOWING A RENTED 1998 CHEVROLET BLAZER WITH VIRGINIA PLATES. A CONSensual SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN A VCR BOX IN THE TOWED VEHICLE'S CARGO AREA.

ON OCTOBER 9, AT 0930 HOURS, THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY

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PATROL SEIZED \$319,966 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95 IN JOHNSTON COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A COLOMBIAN NATIONAL AND HIS PASSENGER, A LAUDERHILL, FLORIDA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, IN A RENTED 1998 FORD EXPEDITION WITH NEW YORK PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF CURRENCY WITHIN A SUITCASE IN THE VEHICLE'S CARGO AREA, WITHIN A FALSE FLOOR COMPARTMENT AND IN THE CONSOLE.

ON OCTOBER 9, AT 1910 HOURS, THE WEST TEXAS NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT TASK FORCE SEIZED 163 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON FM-1776 IN PECOS COUNTY. THE MEXICAN NATIONAL WAS EN ROUTE TO ODESSA, TEXAS, FROM OJINAGA, MEXICO, IN A 1986 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK WITH MEXICAN REGISTRATION. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A PROPANE TANK IN THE TRUCK'S BED.

ON OCTOBER 10, AT 0100 HOURS, THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 3 KGS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON SR-191 IN SAN JUAN COUNTY. THE MEXICAN NATIONALS WERE EN ROUTE TO OMAHA, NEBRASKA, FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA, IN A 1985 CHRYSLER WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CELLOPHANE AND DUCT TAPE WRAPPED CONTRABAND WITHIN THE LEFT REAR DOOR.

ON OCTOBER 10, AT 1030 HOURS, THE KIMBLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS, SEIZED 102 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING EAST, WITH A MINOR, ON I-10. THE MALE DRIVER, AN EL PASO, TEXAS, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A CHAPARRAL, NEW MEXICO, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, FROM EL PASO IN A 1974 CHEVROLET CAMPER PICKUP WITH TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN SIX DUFFEL BAGS BENEATH THE SLEEPING BED MATTRESS.

ON OCTOBER 10, AT 1100 HOURS, THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE SEIZED 153 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-25 IN SIERRA COUNTY. THE ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ALBUQUERQUE FROM EL PASO, TEXAS, IN A 1987 PONTIAC GRAND AM WITH NEW MEXICO PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND, PACKED IN PVC PIPE, IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON OCTOBER 10, AT 1625 HOURS, THE RANKIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSISSIPPI, SEIZED 483 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-20. THE HOLTVILLE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, FROM EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1979 PETERBILT TRACTOR TOWING A 1986 UTILITY REFRIGERATED TRAILER. BOTH VEHICLES BORE CALIFORNIA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN GARBAGE BAGS COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF LETTUCE IN THE TRAILER.

ON OCTOBER 11, AT 1000 HOURS, THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 525 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM A MALE AND TWO FEMALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-95 IN ESSEX COUNTY. THE PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FROM PHILADELPHIA IN A 1994 DODGE VAN WITH PENNSYLVANIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE AND PASSENGERS RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND ON THE FEMALE DRIVER'S PERSON.

ON OCTOBER 13, AT 1000 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 27 GRAMS OF HEROIN, 229 GRAMS OF COCAINE, 779 GRAMS OF METH, 1.8 KGS OF RED PHOSPHOROUS, AND 125,000 DOSAGE UNITS OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON SR-99 IN MERCED COUNTY. THE PALMDALE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO GALT, CALIFORNIA, FROM PALMDALE IN HIS 1998 FORD EXPLORER WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, HEROIN AND COCAINE BENEATH THE CENTER CONSOLE. THE PSEUDOEPHEDRINE

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AND RED PHOSPHOROUS WERE FOUND IN THE VEHICLE'S CARGO AREA.

ON OCTOBER 13, AT 1030 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 35 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON US-59 IN VICTORIA COUNTY. THE PHARR, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, FROM REYNOSA, MEXICO, IN A 1988 FORD PICKUP TRUCK WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF DUCT TAPED BRICKS OF THE CONTRABAND BETWEEN THE VEHICLE'S BED AND A FALSE BED.

ON OCTOBER 13, AT 1455 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 108.5 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO FEMALES TRAVELING WEST ON I-10 IN PINAL COUNTY. THE COACHELLA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE IN A RENTED 1998 FORD CROWN VICTORIA WITH ARIZONA PLATES. THE RENTER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON OCTOBER 13, AT 1612 HOURS, THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.8 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-80 IN STOREY COUNTY. THE SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO RENO, NEVADA, FROM CALIFORNIA IN A 1991 FORD WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE DRIVER'S DOOR PANEL.

ON OCTOBER 14, AT 1010 HOURS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 12 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-70 IN THOMAS COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM LOS ANGELES IN A 1985 JAGUAR WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND UNDER THE DRIVER'S SEAT.

ON OCTOBER 14, AT 1130 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 17 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO FEMALES TRAVELING WEST ON I-10 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE AJO, ARIZONA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA, FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA, IN THE PASSENGER'S 1982 CHRYSLER WITH ARIZONA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND TAPED INSIDE A HOLLOWED OUT AREA IN THE REAR SEAT CUSHION.

ON OCTOBER 14, AT 1131 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$115,026 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-105 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LYNWOOD, CALIFORNIA, FROM AN UNKNOWN LOCATION IN A 1987 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN A BAG ON THE FRONT SEAT.

ON OCTOBER 14, AT 2030 HOURS, THE ANGELINA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS, SEIZED 117 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A FEMALE AND MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON US-59 IN POLK COUNTY. THE FEMALE DRIVER, A GROVE CITY, OHIO, RESIDENT, AND HER PASSENGER, A COLUMBUS, OHIO, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO OHIO FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS, IN THE DRIVER'S 1997 CHEVROLET CAVALIER WITH OHIO PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK. THE SUBJECT'S VEHICLE WAS BEING ESCORTED BY A RENTED 1998 FORD TAURUS WITH FLORIDA PLATES CONTAINING TWO MALE RESIDENTS OF COLUMBUS. A SEARCH OF THIS VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF \$5,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY ON THE DRIVER'S PERSON.

ON OCTOBER 15, AT 0100 HOURS, THE BRYAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA, SEIZED \$568,615 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95. THE DRIVER, A LAUREL, MARYLAND, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, RESIDENT, WERE IN A RENTED PONTIAC BONNEVILLE. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF CURRENCY IN

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THE FOLLOWING THREE LOCATIONS: WITHIN THE DRIVER'S POCKET,
WITHIN A PLASTIC BAG BEHIND THE DRIVER'S SEAT, AND WITHIN A
SUITCASE IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON OCTOBER 16, AT 0745 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE
SEIZED 30 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING
EAST ON I-90 IN COOK COUNTY. THE LOWELL, MASSACHUSETTS,
RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS,
IN A RENTED 1993 TOYOTA WITH MASSACHUSETTS PLATES. A
SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE
ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE
REAR BUMPER.

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), 1 GRAM OF HEROIN, 454 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, 100
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LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN A FALSE
COMPARTMENT BENEATH THE FLOOR IN THE CARGO AREA.

ON SEPTEMBER 17, AT 1130 HOURS, THE DALLAS POLICE
DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS, SEIZED 191 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM A MALE
TRAVELING SOUTH ON SR-103. THE DALLAS RESIDENT WAS EN
ROUTE TO IRVING, TEXAS, FROM DALLAS IN HIS 1992 CHEVROLET
CAVALIER WITH TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE
RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE
VEHICLE'S AIR FILTER COMPARTMENT.

ON SEPTEMBER 19, AT 1530 HOURS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL
SEIZED 134 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON
I-70 IN THOMAS COUNTY. THE MEXICAN NATIONAL FROM JUAREZ,
MEXICO, WAS EN ROUTE TO SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI, FROM DENVER,
COLORADO, IN A RENTED 1998 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER WITH
COLORADO PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE
DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WRAPPED IN GRAY DUCT-TAPED, 2-
KILO, BRICKS IN THE VEHICLE'S CARGO AREA. THE CONTRABAND
WAS EXTREMELY COLD TO THE TOUCH AS IF IT HAD BEEN
PREVIOUSLY FROZEN.

ON SEPTEMBER 21, AT 1451 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE
SEIZED \$567,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES AND A
FEMALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-55 IN LOGAN COUNTY. THE
MEXICAN NATIONALS WERE EN ROUTE TO MCALLEN, TEXAS, FROM
HARROND, INDIANA, IN THE MALE DRIVER'S 1989 BUICK LESABRE
WITH TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE
DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN THE LEFT AND RIGHT REAR
QUARTER PANELS (NFI).

ON SEPTEMBER 22, AT 2050 HOURS, THE HARRISON COUNTY
SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSISSIPPI, SEIZED 363 KGS OF
MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-10. THE
DRIVER, A HARLINGEN, TEXAS, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A
SAN BENITO, TEXAS, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI,
FLORIDA, FROM HARLINGEN IN THE DRIVER'S 1990 FREIGHTLINER
TRACTOR TOWING HIS 1993 UTILITY TRAILER. BOTH VEHICLES
BORE TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE
DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A LARGE CRATE CONNINGLED
WITH A TRAILER LOAD OF WATERMELONS.

ON SEPTEMBER 24, AT 2350 HOURS, THE GEORGIA STATE POLICE
SEIZED \$103,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A FEMALE AND MALE
TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95 IN BRYAN COUNTY. THE PEMBROKE
PINES, FLORIDA, RESIDENTS WERE IN THE FEMALE DRIVER'S 1998
FORD TAURUS WITH FLORIDA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE
LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY BEHIND A PLASTIC
COVERING IN THE DRIVER SIDE FRONT WHEEL WELL (NFI).

ON SEPTEMBER 25, AT 0300 HOURS, THE SAINT TAMMANY PARISH
SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN LOUISIANA, SEIZED 20,000 DOSAGE UNITS
OF VALIUM, TYLOX AND QUALAIDES FROM A MALE AND FEMALE
TRAVELING EAST ON I-12. THE MALE DRIVER, AN EAGLE SPRINGS,
NORTH CAROLINA, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A CARTHAGE,
NORTH CAROLINA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO NORTH CAROLINA
FROM LAREDO, TEXAS, IN THE DRIVER'S 1994 CHEVROLET CORSICA
WITH NORTH CAROLINA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO
THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE SPARE TIRE IN
THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON SEPTEMBER 28, AT 1004 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 5 KGS OF METH AND \$1,001 IN U.S.
CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-10 IN MARICOPA
COUNTY. THE NORTH HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN
ROUTE TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN
A 1988 TOYOTA SUPRA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S
OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN
THE DISCOVERY OF ELEVEN SARAN-WRAPPED PACKAGES OF
CONTRABAND WITHIN FALSE CARPETED COMPARTMENTS IN THE RIGHT
AND LEFT REAR QUARTER PANELS. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND
WITHIN THE SUBJECT'S POCKET. AIR FRESHENER WAS USED AS A
HASKING AGENT.

ON SEPTEMBER 28, AT 2257 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY
PATROL SEIZED 7 KGS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST
ON SR-58 IN KERN COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A HAYS, KANSAS,

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RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A DENVER, COLORADO, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO DENVER FROM BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1984 TOYOTA TERCEL WITH COLORADO PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF A HOLLOWED-OUT VEHICLE BATTERY IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT. WITHIN THIS BATTERY CASE WAS AN OPERATIONAL 12 VOLT MOTORCYCLE BATTERY AND IN THE REMAINING SPACE WAS ONE-HALF OF THE CONTRABAND. THE REMAINING CONTRABAND WAS FOUND WITHIN A REAR QUARTER PANEL.

ON SEPTEMBER 29, THE FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$290,520 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95 IN DUVAL COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A QUEENS, NEW YORK, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A REGO PARK, NEW YORK, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK, IN A RENTED 1995 FORD VAN WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN TWO SUITCASES. THE DRIVER CLAIMED TO BE A NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT (NYPD) OFFICER AND HAD A BADGE AND CREDENTIALS IN HIS POSSESSION. HE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ARRESTED FOR IMPERSONATING A NYPD OFFICER AFTER IT WAS LEARNED THAT HE HAD BEEN RELEASED FROM THE NYPD ACADEMY (NFI).

ON SEPTEMBER 29, AT 1325 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 7.6 KGS OF COCAINE AND \$3,100 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1998 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR WITH ILLINOIS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A SUITCASE ON THE REAR SEAT. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND ON THE SUBJECTS AND WITHIN THE SUITCASE.

ON SEPTEMBER 29, AT 2120 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.2 KGS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A CUDAHY, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A LA FUENTE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, FROM BELL GARDENS, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1986 TOYOTA CELICA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE VEHICLE'S RIGHT REAR QUARTER PANEL.

ON SEPTEMBER 30, AT 0853 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 14 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN BECKHAM COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM LOS ANGELES IN A 1990 TOYOTA CAMRY WITH GEORGIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT BENEATH THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE.

ON SEPTEMBER 30, AT 0900 HOURS, THE COLORADO STATE PATROL SEIZED 3 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-25 IN PUEBLO COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A FARMINGTON, NEW MEXICO, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO DES MOINES, IOWA, FROM LOS ANGELES IN THE DRIVER'S 1994 CHEVROLET CAPRICE CLASSIC WITH NEW MEXICO PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE ENGINE'S AIR FILTER COMPARTMENT.

ON OCTOBER 1, AT 0431 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 115 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-10 IN SAINT MARTIN PARISH. THE FEMALE DRIVER, A CRYSTAL RIVER, FLORIDA, RESIDENT, AND HER PASSENGER, AN ISLA HORADA, FLORIDA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO FLORIDA FROM AN UNKNOWN ORIGIN IN A 1992 DODGE PICKUP TRUCK WITH FLORIDA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A TOOLBOX IN THE PASSENGER'S COMPARTMENT AND ANOTHER TOOLBOX

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ON OCTOBER 2, AT 1350 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 40 KGS OF COCAINE AND \$1,600 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO FEMALES TRAVELING WEST ON SR-96 IN IMPERIAL COUNTY. THE DRIVER, AN EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, AND HER PASSENGER, A CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, FROM MEXICALI, MEXICO, IN A 1996 MITSUBISHI WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND BENEATH A FALSE FLOORBOARD. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND ON THE SUBJECTS.

INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION:

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C. DUE TO A DRAMATIC RISE IN RECENT SUSPECT AIR ACTIVITY NEAR THE BORDER, NEW MEXICO MAY EXPERIENCE AN INCREASE IN THE MOVEMENT OF DRUGS ACROSS THE NEW MEXICO/CHIHUAHUA BORDER AND ALONG NEW MEXICO HIGHWAYS IN THE NEXT 2 TO 3 MONTHS. INCREASED SUSPECT AIR ACTIVITY IN NORTHERN MEXICO HAS, IN THE PAST, BEEN ASSOCIATED WITH AN INCREASE IN DRUG TRAFFICKING. THIS INCREASE IN SUSPECT AIR ACTIVITY MAY IN PART BE DRIVEN BY A RECENTLY CONCLUDED MARIJUANA HARVEST IN MEXICO WHICH RESULTED IN AN ABUNDANT SUPPLY OF MARIJUANA BEING READY FOR TRANSPORT INTO THE UNITED STATES. ALTHOUGH THE 180-MILE NEW MEXICO/CHIHUAHUA BORDER MAKES UP LESS THAN 10 PERCENT OF THE ENTIRE SOUTHWEST BORDER, OVER 20 PERCENT OF THE SUSPECT AIR TARGETS DETECTED DURING THE LAST 3 MONTHS WERE IN NEW MEXICO/CHIHUAHUA AIRSPACE. THERE HAVE BEEN 29 PRIMARY SUSPECT AIR TARGETS NEAR THE NEW MEXICO/CHIHUAHUA BORDER SINCE JULY 1, WHICH IS 12 MORE THAN WERE DETECTED DURING THE FIRST 4 MONTHS OF 1998. INCREASED SUSPECT AIR ACTIVITY AND MEXICO'S RECENT MARIJUANA HARVEST ARE INDICATORS THAT AN INCREASE IN DRUG MOVEMENT ACROSS THE BORDER AND ALONG NEW MEXICO'S HIGHWAYS DURING THE UPCOMING MONTHS IS HIGHLY POSSIBLE. THE TYPE OF DRUG POSSIBLY BEING SMUGGLED IS STILL UNCERTAIN, HISTORICALLY, HOWEVER, MARIJUANA HAS BEEN THE DRUG MOST COMMONLY MOVED THROUGH THIS AREA.

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

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10 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA (4,540 GRAMS), 1 OUNCE OF CRACK (28 GRAMS), 1 GRAM 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 SEIZURE REPORTS RECEIVED AT EPIC.

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ON SEPTEMBER 18, AT 1400 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 249 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-20 IN PARKER COUNTY. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NEW JERSEY FROM EL PASO, TEXAS, IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1993 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR TOWING A REFRIGERATED TRAILER. BOTH VEHICLES BORE FLORIDA PLATES.

A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CELLOPHANE-WRAPPED CONTRABAND WITHIN BOXES COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF WATERMELONS IN THE TRAILER.

ON SEPTEMBER 20, AT 0245 HOURS, THE BATON ROUGE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN LOUISIANA, SEIZED 54 KGS OF COCAINE, 12.7 KGS OF MARIJUANA AND TWO HANDGUNS FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-12. THE DRIVER, AN IRVINGTON, NEW JERSEY, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A NORTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO ILLINOIS FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS, IN THE PASSENGER'S 1999 KENWORTH TRACTOR TOWING A COMPANY-OWNED TRAILER. BOTH VEHICLES BORE NEW JERSEY PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND AND WEAPONS WITHIN CARDBOARD BOXES COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF HAIR CARE PRODUCTS IN THE TRAILER.

ON SEPTEMBER 22, AT 1040 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 10 KGS OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-5 IN KERN COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A WOODBURN, OREGON, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN BERNARDINO FROM WOODBURN IN A 1984 HONDA ACCORD WITH OREGON PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF TWO PLASTIC BAGS

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OF LOOSE CONTRABAND WITHIN A SUITCASE IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON SEPTEMBER 23, AT 0915 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.2 KGS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-80 IN PLACER COUNTY. THE MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MINNESOTA FROM OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, IN THE DRIVER'S 1993 FORD PICKUP TRUCK WITH MINNESOTA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF TWO, CELLOPHANE AND DUCT TAPE WRAPPED, PACKAGES OF CONTRABAND WITHIN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT BESIDE THE MASTER CYLINDER.

ON SEPTEMBER 24, AT 0925 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 10 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON US-101 IN MONTEREY COUNTY. THE DRIVER, AN OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A COMPTON, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1990 DODGE CARAVAN WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND BENEATH THE REAR SEAT AND CARPET WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT CREATED BY THE RAISING OF THE ENTIRE REAR FLOOR OF THE VEHICLE.

ON SEPTEMBER 25, AT 0210 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 8 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON US-101 IN MONTEREY COUNTY. THE SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SUNNYVALE,

CALIFORNIA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1991 NISSAN PICKUP TRUCK WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT NEXT TO THE HEATER CORE BENEATH THE DASHBOARD.

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), 1 GRAM 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 SEIZURE REPORTS RECEIVED AT EPIC.

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MALE DRIVER, A SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A HARLINGEN, TEXAS, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN ANTONIO FROM WESLACO, TEXAS, IN THE DRIVER'S 1986 VOLKSWAGEN VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT BETWEEN THE VEHICLE'S REAR SEAT AND ENGINE COMPARTMENT.

ON SEPTEMBER 16, AT 1815 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 9 KGS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, IN THE DRIVER'S 1991 GMC PICKUP TRUCK WITH TENNESSEE PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT INSIDE THE GAS TANK.

ON SEPTEMBER 17, AT 0337 HOURS, THE LOWNDES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA, SEIZED \$102,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM FOUR MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-75. THE DRIVER, A LAUREL, FLORIDA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGERS, RESIDENTS OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, AND FOREST PARK, GEORGIA, WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM ATLANTA IN A RENTED 1998 FORD EXPEDITION WITH FLORIDA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN A BAG ON THE FLOOR OF THE VEHICLE.

ON SEPTEMBER 17, AT 0820 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 600 GRAMS OF MEXICAN BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN SHASTA COUNTY. THE SALEM, OREGON, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PORTLAND, OREGON, FROM SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, IN HIS 1993 NISSAN PICKUP TRUCK WITH OREGON PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE HEATER BLOWER BOX BENEATH THE PASSENGER SIDE DASHBOARD.

ON SEPTEMBER 17, AT 1335 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 612 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-805 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, FROM TIJUANA, MEXICO, IN A 1984 GMC VAN WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN TWENTY-ONE BOXES COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES IN THE CARGO AREA.

ON SEPTEMBER 17, AT 1715 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 24 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-580 IN ALAMEDA COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA FROM LOS ANGELES IN A RENTED 1998 BUICK WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A DUFFEL BAG IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED] OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 09/05/98

****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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG-MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

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ON AUGUST 30, AT 1020 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 19 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE AND TWO FEMALES TRAVELING NORTH ON US-281 IN BROOKS COUNTY. THE MISSION, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO AUSTIN FROM MISSION IN THE MALE DRIVER'S 1991 FORD RANGER PICKUP TRUCK WITH TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE PASSENGER'S DOOR. AIR FRESHENER WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

ON SEPTEMBER 2, AT 1140 HOURS, THE EMERY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN UTAH, SEIZED 31 KGS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-70. THE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1995 HONDA WITH ILLINOIS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN A COMPARTMENT BENEATH THE VEHICLE'S

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NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL
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NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE
NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE
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SUBJECT: OPERATION PIPELINE
OPERATION CONVOY
HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 09/05/98

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GEORGIA HIGHWAY PATROL

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NEBRASKA STATE PATROL

NEVADA DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION AND NARCOTICS (LAS VEGAS)

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NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL

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NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE

NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE UNIFORM BUREAU

NEW YORK STATE POLICE

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OHIO BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

OKLAHOMA STATE BUREAU OF NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS

OKLAHOMA LAW ENFORCEMENT (OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL)

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SOUTH CAROLINA LAW ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL

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TENNESSEE HIGHWAY PATROL

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ON JULY 14, AT 1024 HOURS, THE EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS, SEIZED 379 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET IN THE CITY OF EL PASO, TEXAS. THE JUAREZ, MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS IN A 1974 DODGE VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF SEVERAL BALES OF CONTRABAND IN THE VAN'S CARGO AREA.

ON JULY 18, AT 0015 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 15 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON SR-99 IN FRESNO COUNTY. THE FRESNO RESIDENT WAS IN A 1991 BUICK WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A MOTOR OIL BOX IN THE TRUNK.

ON JULY 24, AT 0909 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 13 KGS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-5 IN KERN COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A CARDENA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A MEXICAN NATIONAL WERE EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, FROM SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, IN THE DRIVER'S 1993 FORD PICKUP TRUCK WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN A NATURAL VOID BETWEEN THE BEDLINER AND BED OF THE TRUCK.

ON JULY 24, AT 1155 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 327 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE ELIZABETH, NORTH CAROLINA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HUNTSPOINT, NEW YORK, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1997 PETERBILT TRACTOR TOWING A 1995 UTILITY REFRIGERATED TRAILER. BOTH VEHICLES BORE OKLAHOMA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE TRAILER COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF VEGETABLES.

ON JULY 25, AT 0655 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 152 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE HYATTSVILLE, MARYLAND, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HYATTSVILLE FROM CARSON, CALIFORNIA, IN HIS 1989 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR WITH MARYLAND PLATES, TOWING A COMPANY-OWNED 1990 UTILITY REFRIGERATED TRAILER WITH MAINE PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF FRUIT.

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NEVADA STATE DIV OF INVEST (NARCOTICS)
NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE POLICE
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NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE

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ON JULY 26, AT 0900 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 7 KGS OF METH AND 2 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN BECKHAM COUNTY. THE SCOTTSBORO, ALABAMA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CALHOUN, GEORGIA, FROM SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1976 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS WITH IOWA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE FUEL TANK.

ON JULY 28, AT 1912 HOURS, THE WEST MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TENNESSEE, SEIZED \$154,130 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING WEST ON I-40. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN A 1992 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS WITH ILLINOIS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY INSIDE THE WINDSHIELD COWLING OF THE VEHICLE.

ON JULY 29, AT 0020 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.6 KILOGRAMS OF MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-505 IN SOLANO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A PORTLAND, OREGON, RESIDENT AND HIS TWO PASSENGERS, BOTH HILLSBORO, OREGON, RESIDENTS, WERE EN ROUTE TO PORTLAND FROM REDWOOD, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1988 NISSAN SENTRA WITH OREGON PLATES OWNED BY ONE OF THE PASSENGERS. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE REAR BUMPER.

ON JULY 29, AT 1743 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS OF METH, 3 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$6,411 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-30 IN HUNT COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A FOUKE, ARKANSAS, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A KIRBY, ARKANSAS, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO TEXARKANA, TEXAS, FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, IN A 1992 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE AND OF THE SUBJECTS, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY THE CONTRABAND BENEATH THE TOOLBOX IN THE TRUCK'S BED AND THE CURRENCY ON THE SUBJECTS.

ON JULY 29, AT 2307 HOURS, THE ACADIA PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN LOUISIANA, SEIZED 2.3 KILOGRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-10. THE DRIVER, A HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A LAFAYETTE, LOUISIANA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO LAFAYETTE FROM HOUSTON IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1996 LINCOLN LIMOUSINE WITH TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A SHOPPING BAG IN THE VEHICLE.

ON JULY 30, AT 2030 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN KINGS COUNTY. THE-SAN YSIDRO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1992 TOYOTA CAMRY WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE REAR BUMPER.

OFFICER SAFETY BULLETIN:

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INTELLIGENCE BULLETIN:

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT--
WEEK ENDING 07/25/98

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ON JULY 3, AT 1255 HOURS, THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.7 KILOGRAMS (KGS) OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING IN RENO, NEVADA. THE NYSSA, OREGON, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CALDWELL, IDAHO, FROM ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1987 NISSAN WITH OREGON PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND INSIDE THE DOOR PANELS.

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ON JULY 17, AT 0540 HOURS, THE ACADIA PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN LOUISIANA, SEIZED 37 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-10. THE MANHATTAN, NEW YORK, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS, IN A 1998 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A BRIEFCASE IN THE TRUNK. A 1-KILOGRAM PACKAGE WAS MARKED WITH THE WORDS "TOMMY HILFINGER" (SIC) IN BLUE AND WHITE INK.

ON JULY 17, AT 2020 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 11 KGS OF EPHEDRINE AND 47 KGS OF SODIUM HYDROXIDE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-580 IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY. THE MODESTO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MODESTO FROM SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1987 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE TRUNK.

ON JULY 19, AT 1023 HOURS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 257 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-70 IN SHAWNEE COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A SOLANO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO INDIANA OR OHIO FROM ARIZONA IN THE DRIVER'S 1964 GMC MODIFIED BUS WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN A 3' BY 4' FIBERGLASS COMPARTMENT AT THE REAR OF THE BUS.

ON JULY 20, AT 2230 HOURS, THE CRITTENDEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN ARKANSAS, SEIZED 102 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40. THE WESTERVILLE, OHIO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO OHIO FROM TEXARKANA, TEXAS, IN A RENTED 1997 TOYOTA CAMRY WITH OHIO PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN SUITCASES AND DUFFEL BAGS IN THE TRUNK.

ON JULY 21, AT 1225 HOURS, THE KENTUCKY STATE POLICE SEIZED 144 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-75 IN LAUREL COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A BAYTOWN, TEXAS, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, AN ELSA, TEXAS, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, FROM TOLEDO, OHIO, IN A COMPANY-OWNED KENWORTH TRACTOR TOWING A PINE TRAILER. BOTH VEHICLES BORE TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN LUGGAGE IN THE SLEEPER COMPARTMENT.

ON JULY 22, AT 0129 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 40 LITERS OF METH OIL FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-10 IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA,

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NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL
NEVADA STATE DIV OF INVEST (NARCOTICS)
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SECTION TWO OF TWO SECTIONS

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WEEK ENDING 07/25/98

RESIDENT WAS IN A 1990 PLYMOUTH WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES.
THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE
DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE REAR PASSENGER AREA.

ON JULY 22, AT 1705 HOURS, THE NEW YORK CITY POLICE
DEPARTMENT IN NEW YORK, SEIZED 350 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM
TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET. THE
NEW YORK, NEW YORK, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE
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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 08/08/98

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ON JULY 25, AT 0848 HOURS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 145 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-70 IN LINCOLN COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO EAST SAINT LOUIS, ILLINOIS, FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA, IN A 1992 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK WITH ILLINOIS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE TRUCK'S BED UNDER A FIBERGLASS COVER.

ON JULY 28, AT 2110 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.5 KGS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON US-101 IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THE SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SALEM, OREGON, FROM SALINAS, CALIFORNIA, IN HIS 1990 FORD WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND BEHIND A SPEAKER IN THE RIGHT REAR QUARTER PANEL.

ON JULY 30, AT 1250 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 5 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON US-59 IN PANOLA COUNTY. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MARSHALL, TEXAS, FROM HOUSTON IN A 1993 HONDA ACCORD WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND BENEATH THE REAR SEAT.

ON JULY 31, AT 0650 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2 KGS OF METH FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN SHASTA COUNTY. THE DRIVER AND ONE OF THE PASSENGERS, BOTH SALEM, OREGON, RESIDENTS AND AN ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO SALEM FROM ANAHEIM IN A 1995 CHEVROLET LUMINA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND INSIDE THE PASSENGER'S SIDE AIRBAG.

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ON AUGUST 3, AT 1545 HOURS, THE HARLINGEN POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS, SEIZED 116 KGS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET. THE SAFETY HARBOR, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HARLINGEN, TEXAS, FROM RAYMONDVILLE, TEXAS, IN HIS 1994 FORD PICKUP TRUCK WITH FLORIDA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND INSIDE 3 DUFFEL BAGS IN THE TRUCK'S BED.

ON AUGUST 4, AT 0210 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 6.5 KGS OF COCAINE AND \$1,362 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN YOLO COUNTY. THE YAKIMA, WASHINGTON, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO YAKIMA FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1977 DATSUN 280Z WITH WASHINGTON PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND BEHIND THE VEHICLE'S DASHBOARD. THE CURRENCY WAS ON THE SUBJECTS.

ON AUGUST 5, AT 1010 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 399 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-8 IN IMPERIAL COUNTY. THE MEXICALI, MEXICO, NATIONAL WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION FROM MEXICALI IN HIS 1989 HYUNDAI WITH MEXICO PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE VEHICLE'S REAR QUARTER PANEL.

ON AUGUST 5, AT 1925 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 16 KGS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING WEST ON I-10 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE COACHELLA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, FROM COACHELLA IN THE DRIVER'S 1988 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A METAL BOX WELDED TO THE INSIDE OF THE GAS TANK.

ON AUGUST 5, AT 2030 HOURS, THE WEST CENTRAL TEXAS INTERLOCAL CRIME TASK FORCE SEIZED 9 KGS OF MEXICAN BLACK TAR HEROIN AND 3 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE AND FEMALE COUPLE TRAVELING EAST ON I-20 IN MITCHELL COUNTY. THE CANANEA, MEXICO, NATIONALS WERE EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TEXAS, FROM EL PASO, TEXAS, IN A 1978 FORD F-150 PICKUP TRUCK WITH MEXICAN REGISTRATION. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 32 PACKAGES OF CONTRABAND WITHIN THE VEHICLE'S REAR DOOR POSTS.

ON AUGUST 7, AT 1045 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$133,300 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON SR-86 IN IMPERIAL COUNTY. THE HAWTHORNE,

CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SAN FELIPE, BC, MEXICO, FROM HAWTHORNE IN THE DRIVER'S 1995 FORD TAURUS WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY BEHIND THE VEHICLE'S DASHBOARD.

ON AUGUST 7, AT 1200 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 20 KGS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-10 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE COMPTON, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, FROM COMPTON IN HIS 1990 NISSAN STANZA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 20 1-KG PACKAGES OF CONTRABAND WITHIN THE SPARE TIRE COMPARTMENT

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ON JULY 5, AT 0945 HOURS, THE CHAMBERS COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCE IN ALABAMA, SEIZED 146 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-85. THE MERCEDES, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO BRONX, NEW YORK, FROM DONNA, TEXAS, IN A 1994 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR AND GREAT DANE TRAILER. BOTH VEHICLES BORE TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLES' OWNERS WERE NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 73 2-KILOGRAM PACKAGES OF THE CONTRABAND COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF CARROTS.

ON JULY 5, AT 2030 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 127 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING ON US-83 IN RIO GRANDE, TEXAS. THE RIO GRANDE RESIDENT WAS IN A 1987 FORD PICKUP TRUCK WITH TEMPORARY TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE REAR SEAT (NFI).

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ON JULY 6, AT 0700 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 159 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-20 IN SMITH COUNTY. THE PURVIS, MISSISSIPPI, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, IN A 1998 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 12 BUNDLES OF CONTRABAND INSIDE A HOLLOWED OUT STACK OF PLYWOOD IN THE TRUCK'S BED.

ON JULY 6, AT 1027 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 134 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-12 IN SAINT TAMMANY PARISH. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS IN A 1989 FORD PICKUP WITH TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE TRUCK'S BED.

ON JULY 6, AT 2015 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 486 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON SR-60 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, FROM RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1996 FORD 150 PICKUP WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF SEVERAL LARGE BOXES CONTAINING THE CONTRABAND IN THE BED OF THE TRUCK.

ON JULY 7, AT 0015 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED 313 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-57 IN KANKAKEE COUNTY. THE DRIVER, AN OCALA, FLORIDA, RESIDENT AND A POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO MONEE, ILLINOIS, FROM EL PASO, TEXAS, IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1997 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR WITH FLORIDA PLATES TOWING A TRAILER WITH UTAH PLATES. THE VEHICLES' OWNERS WERE NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN SEVEN BOXES INSIDE THE TRAILER. DURING THE SEARCH, THE PASSENGER FLED ON FOOT AND IS STILL AT LARGE.

ON JULY 7, AT 1625 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED 133 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES AND ONE FEMALE

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TRAVELING EAST ON I-55/70 IN MADISON COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A MONROE, MICHIGAN, RESIDENT, A MALE DETROIT, MICHIGAN, RESIDENT AND A FEMALE PHOENIX, ARIZONA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO DETROIT FROM PHOENIX IN A RENTED 1998 FLEETWOOD MOTORHOME WITH ARIZONA PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN BLACK TRASH BAGS IN THE SHOWER STALL, UNDER THE BED, AND INSIDE THE CLOSETS.

ON JULY 7, AT 1905 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED 167 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-80 IN LASALLE COUNTY. THE LAKE PLACID, NEW YORK, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK OR NEW JERSEY FROM SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO, IN A RENTED 1997 GMC TRUCK WITH OHIO PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE CARGO AREA COMMINGLED WITH FURNITURE.

ON JULY 8, AT 1007 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED 11 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-80 IN BUREAU COUNTY. THE MODESTO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM MODESTO IN HIS 1993 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND BEHIND THE SPEAKERS IN THE REAR QUARTER PANELS.

ON JULY 8, AT 1500 HOURS, THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TENNESSEE, SEIZED 7.4 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40. THE ROSENBERG, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO WILLIAMSBURG, KENTUCKY, FROM MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON, MEXICO, IN A 1984 FORD CROWN VICTORIA WITH TEXAS PLATES.

[REDACTED] CROSSING AT ROMA, TEXAS, ON JULY 5, AT 0013 HOURS. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT.

ON JULY 8, AT 2130 HOURS, THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN NORTH CAROLINA, SEIZED \$374,130 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MIAMI FROM BRONX, NEW YORK, IN A RENTED 1998 DODGE NEON WITH NEW YORK PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN A BACKPACK INSIDE THE TRUNK.

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CO 001279

ON JULY 9, AT 2050 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 8.6 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-10 IN MARICOPA COUNTY. THE BALDWIN PARK, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1988 ACURA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE GAS TANK. ACCESS TO THE CONTRABAND WAS GAINED THROUGH THE SENDING UNIT. TEA BAGS, A BOX OF DETERGENT AND COFFEE GROUNDS INSIDE THE TRUNK WERE USED AS MASKING AGENTS.

ON JULY 11, AT 1236 HOURS, THE MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSISSIPPI, SEIZED 23.6 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-55. THE PASADENA, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ILLINOIS FROM PASADENA IN HIS 1993 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE WITH TEXAS PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT BEHIND THE REAR SEAT. THE COMPARTMENT WAS APPROXIMATELY 5-INCHES DEEP AND WAS CONTROLLED ELECTRONICALLY BY A BUTTON UNDER THE DRIVER'S SIDE CARPET. WHEN THE BUTTON WAS DEPRESSED THE REAR PASSENGER'S SEAT CENTER ARMREST WOULD LOWER, ALLOWING ACCESS TO THE COMPARTMENT.

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), 1 OR MORE GRAMS 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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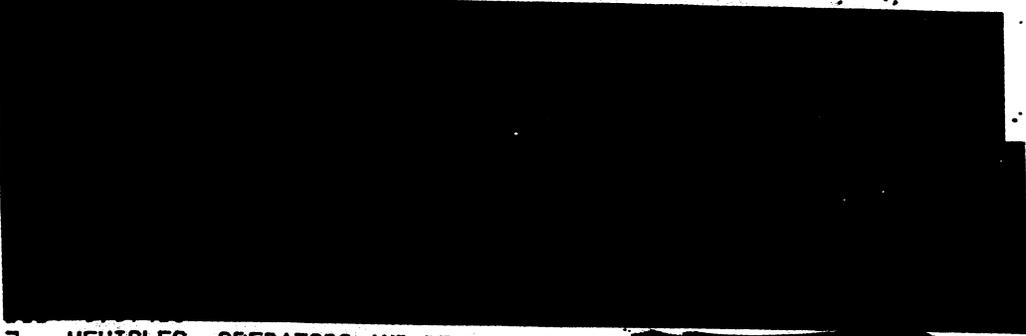
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ON JUNE 5, 1130 HOURS, THE ARANSAS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS, SEIZED 382 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-35. THE BENAVIDES, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO BENAVIDES FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS, IN A RENTED 1998 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN WITH TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 62 CLEAR PLASTIC, DUCT-TAPED PACKAGES OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE PASSENGER'S COMPARTMENT (NFI).

ON JUNE 11, 1517 HOURS, THE JIM WELLS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS, SEIZED \$279.195 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON US-281. THE DRIVER, A HIDALGO, TEXAS, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO MCALLEN, TEXAS, FROM CHICAGO IN A PONTIAC VAN WITH TEMPORARY ILLINOIS PLATES (NFI). A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN A NATURAL COMPARTMENT BEHIND THE DASHBOARD.

ON JUNE 18, AT 0015 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 5.7 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-10 IN YUMA COUNTY. THE ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA, FROM SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA, IN A FORD TAURUS WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE DASHBOARD ABOVE THE GLOVE BOX.

ON JUNE 18, AT 0500 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 121 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE ONTARIO, CANADA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN A RENTED MERCURY SABLE WITH CANADIAN PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN LUGGAGE IN THE TRUNK. THE CELLOPHANE WRAPPED CONTRABAND BORE THE FOLLOWING MARKINGS: "CHICAGO BULLS GAME", "CHU AME", AND "PRO FLOW PIPES NOLEEN".

SP 84525

CO 001282

ON JUNE 25, AT 1728 HOURS, THE TENNESSEE STATE POLICE SEIZED 235 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN DICKSON COUNTY. THE PHOENIX, ARIZONA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO NORTH CAROLINA FROM ARIZONA IN A RENTED 1991 COACH MOTORHOME WITH ARIZONA PLATES. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN NATURAL COMPARTMENTS THROUGHOUT THE VEHICLE.

ON JUNE 26, AT 1950 HOURS, THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE SEIZED 302 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A VAN NUYS, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO FLORIDA FROM CALIFORNIA IN THE DRIVER'S 1986 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR TOWING A 1988 GARDEN TRAILER. THE TRAILER'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. BOTH VEHICLES BORE FLORIDA PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF CANTALOUPE.

ON JUNE 27, AT 2117 HOURS, THE PEARL POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MISSISSIPPI, SEIZED 18 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-20 IN RANKIN COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER WERE EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM HOUSTON IN A 1996 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE VEHICLE'S QUARTER PANELS (NFI).

CORRECTION TO OPERATION PIPELINE TELETYPE FOR WEEK ENDING JUNE 20, 1998:

THE REPORTED 123 KILOGRAM MARIJUANA SEIZURE BY THE PHELPS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSOURI ON JUNE 14TH SHOULD HAVE BEEN REPORTED AS 1,225 KILOGRAMS.

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

PLEASE ADDRESS QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS TO [REDACTED], RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS DOMESTIC UNIT, [REDACTED], OR [REDACTED], RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS DOMESTIC UNIT, [REDACTED]

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ON JUNE 24, AT 1630 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 543 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON US-101 IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY. THE PHOENIX, ARIZONA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, OR MEXICO, IN A 1988 LINCOLN MARK IV WITH TEMPORARY WASHINGTON PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE LEFT REAR QUARTER PANEL. BLACK PEPPER WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

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ON JUNE 24, AT 1720 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$108,135 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON US-101 IN SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY. THE SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SANTA ANA FROM SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, IN HIS 1996 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 23 BUNDLES OF CURRENCY WITHIN THE PASSENGER'S AIRBAG COMPARTMENT. THE BUNDLES WERE WRAPPED IN BLACK ELECTRICAL TAPE. TWENTY BUNDLES HAD AN ADDITIONAL STRIP OF MASKING TAPE ATTACHED WITH THE BUNDLE'S CURRENCY AMOUNT WRITTEN ON IT.

ON JUNE 24, AT 1955 HOURS, THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 4 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND 12 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-80 IN WASHOE COUNTY. THE ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO ST. PAUL FROM EAGLE ROCK, CALIFORNIA, IN THE PASSENGER'S 1990 FORD F-150 PICKUP TRUCK WITH MINNESOTA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A SECONDARY GAS TANK.

ON JUNE 24, AT 2005 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$134,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-405 IN ORANGE COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN DIEGO OR MEXICO, FROM SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1992 TOYOTA PICKUP TRUCK WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN THE STEREO SPEAKER COMPARTMENT BEHIND THE PASSENGER'S SEAT.

ON JUNE 24, AT 2122 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 4.2 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A MALE, FEMALE AND A MINOR TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY. THE SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO DENVER, COLORADO, FROM SAN JOSE IN A 1991 PLYMOUTH VAN WITH COLORADO PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A NATURAL VOID IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT.

ON JUNE 25, AT 0310 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.3 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY. THE ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO BRENTWOOD, CALIFORNIA, FROM ONTARIO IN A RENTED 1997 DODGE INTREPID WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THREE LARGE CELLOPHANE WRAPPED BINDLES OF THE CONTRABAND UNDER THE DASHBOARD CENTER CONSOLE.

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CO 001284

ON JUNE 20, AT 0200 HOURS, THE SOUTHAVEN POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MISSISSIPPI, SEIZED 143 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON SR-302. THE HEFLIN, ALABAMA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ANNISTON, ALABAMA, FROM OKLAHOMA IN A 1990 DODGE SHADOW WITH OKLAHOMA PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. THE SUBJECT'S VEHICLE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY AN ESCORT VEHICLE, A 1990 EAGLE TALON, WITH OKLAHOMA PLATES, DRIVEN BY AN EL PASO, TEXAS, RESIDENT. THE ESCORT VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT.

ON JUNE 21, AT 2355 HOURS, THE RANKIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSISSIPPI, SEIZED 215 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-20. THE EMORY, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO KENTUCKY FROM EMORY IN HIS 1990 FORD PICKUP TRUCK WITH TEXAS PLATES TOWING A 24-FOOT CATAMARAN BOAT AND TRAILER. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE BOAT'S PONTOONS.

ON JUNE 22, AT 1430 HOURS, THE DALLAS POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS, SEIZED 164 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-35. THE DALLAS RESIDENT WAS IN A 1974 CHEVROLET SILVERADO WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 28 PACKAGES OF CELLOPHANE WRAPPED CONTRABAND WITHIN 2 PLYWOOD BOXES IN THE BED OF THE TRUCK.

ON JUNE 23, AT 0715 HOURS, THE LAREDO POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS, SEIZED 225 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON FM-1472. THE MEXICO RESIDENT WAS IN A 1985 CHEVROLET PICKUP WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 23 BROWN-TAPE WRAPPED PACKAGES OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE BED OF THE TRUCK (NFI).

ON JUNE 23, AT 1040 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 155,040 DOSAGE UNITS OF PSEUDOPHEDRINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON US-101 IN MONTEREY COUNTY. THE YELM, WASHINGTON, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, FROM WASHINGTON IN A 1994 MERCURY COUGAR WITH WASHINGTON PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN BOTH QUARTER PANELS AND UNDER THE CARPET IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON JUNE 23, AT 2046 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED 298 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-80 IN LASALLE COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A TORONTO, CANADA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, AN ETOBICOKE, CANADA, WERE EN ROUTE TO TORONTO FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN A RENTED 1994 GMC TRUCK WITH ARIZONA PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN BOXES IN THE VEHICLE'S CARGO AREA.

ON JUNE 24, AT 1315 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 539 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-10 IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE SAN LUIS, MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO INDIO, CALIFORNIA, FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA, IN A 1988 RENTED FORD VAN WITH KENTUCKY PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE VEHICLE'S CARGO AREA.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 66/20/98

****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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

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ON MAY 26, AT 0300 HOURS, THE NEW YORK STATE POLICE SEIZED 339 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-87 IN ESSEX COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A CANADIAN RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A NEW YORK, NEW YORK, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK FROM MONTREAL, CANADA, IN A FORD ESCORT WITH CANADIAN PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND UNDER THE DRIVER'S SEAT.

ON MAY 31, AT 2040 HOURS, THE BRYAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA, SEIZED 8 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-95. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FROM MIAMI IN A DODGE VAN WITH FLORIDA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF EIGHT, POSTAL TAPE, WRAPPED PACKAGES WITHIN THE SLIDING DOOR PANEL.

ON JUNE 8, AT 1200 HOURS, THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE SEIZED 1.8 KILOGRAMS OF METH AND 16.7 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN POPE COUNTY. THE BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO BIRMINGHAM FROM ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, IN HIS 1991 MERCURY COUGAR WITH ALABAMA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT NEAR THE REAR BUMPER (NFI).

ON JUNE 10, THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE SEIZED 169 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN QUAY COUNTY. THE TUCSON, ARIZONA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO DELAND, FLORIDA, FROM TUCSON IN A 1989 DODGE DYNASTY WITH ARIZONA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CELLOPHANE WRAPPED CONTRABAND INSIDE THE TRUNK.

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SP 84529

ON JUNE 10, AT 0838 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 85 GRAMS OF BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN COCONINO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, AN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, RESIDENT WERE IN A 1989 FORD WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND UNDER THE SPARE TIRE (NFI).

ON JUNE 10, AT 1555 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 110 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-805 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, AN EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A SAN YSIDRO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO SPRING VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, FROM SAN YSIDRO IN A 1994 HONDA ACCORD WITH VIRGINIA PLATES. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND INSIDE THE TRUNK AND ON THE BACK SEAT.

ON JUNE 10, AT 2250 HOURS, THE BRYAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA, SEIZED \$222,990 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95. THE COLLEGE POINT, NEW YORK, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK, IN HIS 1989 MAZDA MINIVAN WITH NEW YORK PLATES. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY BEHIND THE GLOVE BOX.

ON JUNE 11, AT 1600 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 475 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON US-83 IN WEBB COUNTY. THE NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, FROM LAREDO, TEXAS, IN A 1985 DODGE VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE CARGO AREA.

ON JUNE 13, AT 0730 HOURS, THE MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 255 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-44 IN FRANKLIN COUNTY. THE SAPULPA, OKLAHOMA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, FROM SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI, IN A 1989 PETERBILT TRACTOR WITH TEXAS PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN CARDBOARD BOXES IN THE CAB'S SLEEPER COMPARTMENT. FABRIC SOFTENER WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

ON JUNE 13, AT 1402 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED \$349,845 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-57. THE EDINBURG, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO EDINBURG FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN A 1994 PETERBILT TRACTOR WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY IN THE HEADLINER OF THE SLEEPER COMPARTMENT.

ON JUNE 14, AT 0730 HOURS, THE PHELPS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSOURI, SEIZED 123 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-44. THE DENVER, COLORADO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM EL PASO, TEXAS, IN HIS COMPANY-OWNED 1993 GMC 3500 WITH COLORADO PLATES TOWING AN AUTO-TRAILER LOADED WITH A 1984 DODGE RAMCHARGER (NFI). A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN TWO LARGE CABINETS IN THE FRONT END OF THE GMC'S CARGO AREA. MUSTARD AND GREASE WERE USED AS MASKING AGENTS.

ON JUNE 14, AT 0855 HOURS, THE GEORGIA STATE PATROL SEIZED \$265,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95 IN MCINTOSH COUNTY. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS IN A RENTED HYUNDAI SONATA WITH FLORIDA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN LUGGAGE INSIDE THE TRUNK. 3

ON JUNE 15, AT 1540 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 428 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-805 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION FROM CHULA VISTA IN A 1986 CHEVROLET TRUCK WITH MEXICAN PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 26 BOXES OF CONTRABAND IN THE PASSENGER'S AREA.

ON JUNE 15, AT 1615 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 672,000 DOSAGE UNITS OF PSEUDOPHEDRINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-10 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE MORENO VALLEY, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MIRA LOMA, CALIFORNIA, FROM SAN BERNARDINO IN A 1993 NISSAN PATHFINDER WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE CARGO AREA.

ON JUNE 16, AT 0800 HOURS, THE MINNESOTA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 19 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-35 IN STEELE COUNTY. THE BURNSVILLE, MINNESOTA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, FROM FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, IN HIS 1998 FORD PICKUP WITH MINNESOTA PLATES. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE TAILGATE'S NATURAL CAVITY.

ON JUNE 17, AT 1440 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 312 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING WEST ON SR-54 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RESIDENT OF TIJUANA, MEXICO, AND HIS PASSENGER, A SINALOA, MEXICO, RESIDENT WERE IN A 1985 NISSAN PICKUP WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE CAB AND THE BED OF THE VEHICLE.

ON JUNE 17, AT 2018 HOURS, THE NASHVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TENNESSEE, SEIZED 583 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA, THREE HANDGUNS AND \$2,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-40. THE MESA, ARIZONA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO VIRGINIA FROM MESA IN A RENTED 1998 CHEVROLET MOTORHOME WITH TEMPORARY FLORIDA PLATES. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND AND CURRENCY THROUGHOUT THE VEHICLE.

ON JUNE 18, AT 1148 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.2 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON SR-152 IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THE VISALIA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO VISALIA FROM SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1989 CHEVROLET CELEBRITY WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A DETERGENT BOX IN THE TRUNK.

SP 84531

CO 001288

ON JUNE 16, AT 2328 HOURS, THE MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSISSIPPI, SEIZED 2.6 KILOGRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AND THREE WEAPONS FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-55. THE FORT WORTH, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, FROM WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS, IN A 1990 BUICK WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED COMPARTMENTS IN BOTH REAR QUARTER PANELS. THE COMPARTMENTS WERE OPERATED BY THE VEHICLE'S RADIO (NFI).

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~~IN THE INTEREST OF PUBLIC SAFETY~~
~~IT IS REQUESTED THAT YOU BE KEPT ADVISED OF ANY DEVELOPMENTS~~
~~IN THIS MATTER.~~
~~VERY TRULY YOURS,~~
~~DETECTIVE [REDACTED]~~

INTELLIGENCE INFO:

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CO 001289

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ON MAY 23, AT 1137 HOURS, THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-76 IN SEVIER COUNTY. THE SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1997 MITSUBISHI MIRAGE WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE PASSENGER SIDE AIRBAG COMPARTMENT.

ON MAY 26, AT 1448 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 155 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON US-83 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PHARR, TEXAS, FROM ROMA, TEXAS, IN A 1992 FORD CROWN VICTORIA WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND INSIDE THE TRUNK.

ON JUNE 1, AT 0530 HOURS, THE PRESIDIO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS, SEIZED 211 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO FEMALES TRAVELING NORTH ON SR-67. THE MONAHANS, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MARFA, TEXAS, FROM OJINAGA, MEXICO, IN A 1993 FORD F150 PICKUP TRUCK WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A TOOL BOX IN THE CARGO BED.

ON JUNE 3, AT 1100 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$534,694 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-8 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE MEXICALI, BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MEXICALI FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1996 MERCURY COUGAR WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN THE RIGHT REAR SIDE PANEL.

ON JUNE 5, AT 0835 HOURS, THE COLORADO STATE PATROL SEIZED 277 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON US-160 IN MONTEZUMA COUNTY. THE TELLURIDE, COLORADO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO TELLURIDE FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA, IN HIS 1997 GMC SUBURBAN WITH COLORADO PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN LUGGAGE IN THE CARGO AREA.

ON JUNE 5, AT 1829 HOURS, THE LOWNDES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA, SEIZED \$517,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-75. THE DRIVER, A MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, RESIDENT AND HIS COLOMBIAN PASSENGER WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM EITHER CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, OR MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN, IN A RENTED 1998 CHEVROLET BLAZER WITH ILLINOIS PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN THE SPARE TIRE.

ON JUNE 8, AT 1020 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 11 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-35 IN KAY COUNTY. THE KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO KANSAS CITY FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, IN A 1990 HONDA ACCORD WITH MISSOURI PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE PASSENGER'S DOOR, AND THE REAR PANELS OF THE BACK SEAT (NFI).

ON JUNE 8, AT 1136 HOURS, THE NEBRASKA STATE PATROL SEIZED 5.4 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM A FEMALE AND MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-80 IN HAMILTON COUNTY. THE FEMALE DRIVER, A SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HER PASSENGER, A LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO DES MOINES, IOWA, FROM LOS ANGELES IN A 1982 DATSUN PICKUP TRUCK WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE REAR WALL OF THE CAB.

ON JUNE 8, AT 1400 HOURS, THE VIRGINIA STATE POLICE SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF HEROIN FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95 IN PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY. THE PETERSBURG, VIRGINIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PETERSBURG FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., IN A 1992 HONDA ACCORD WITH VIRGINIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN LUGGAGE IN THE TRUNK.

ON JUNE 8, AT 1500 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 6 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN COLUSA COUNTY. THE ORANGE COVE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SALEM, OREGON, FROM FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1993 NISSAN SENTRA WITH OREGON PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE DASHBOARD AIR CONDITIONING VENTS.

ON JUNE 9, AT 0615 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.1 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA, FROM RIVERSIDE IN A 1980 FORD SEDAN WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE LEFT REAR QUARTER PANEL.

ON JUNE 9, AT 0917 HOURS, THE BUTTS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA, SEIZED \$1,133,080 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-75. THE OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM SMYRNA, GEORGIA, IN A 1989 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS WITH FLORIDA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CURRENCY WITHIN 3 NON-FUNCTIONING SPEAKERS IN THE TRUNK.

ON JUNE 9, AT 1134 HOURS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 103 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-70 IN SHAWNEE COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A JUSTICE, ILLINOIS, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A TUCSON, ARIZONA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI, FROM TUCSON IN A 1990 CHEVROLET LUMINA VAN WITH ARIZONA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN LUGGAGE IN THE CARGO AREA.

ON JUNE 9, AT 1233 HOURS, THE NASHVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TENNESSEE, SEIZED 143 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-24. THE PORTALES, NEW MEXICO. RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ONTARIO, CANADA, FROM PORTALES IN A 1996 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK WITH ONTARIO, CANADA. REGISTRATION. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN AN AUXILIARY FUEL TANK IN THE BED OF THE TRUCK.

ON JUNE 9, AT 1500 HOURS, THE NEW MEXICO MOTOR TRANSPORTATION DIVISION SEIZED 205 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON US-54 IN OTERO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A BROADVIEW, ILLINOIS, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A MELROSE PARK, ILLINOIS, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM EL PASO, TEXAS, IN THE DRIVER'S 1993 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH OKLAHOMA PLATES, TOWING A TRAILER (NFI). A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER BEHIND A COVER LOAD OF ONIONS.

ON JUNE 11, THE TULSA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN OKLAHOMA, SEIZED \$299,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY AND 908 GRAMS OF METH FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET. THE FEMALE DRIVER AND MALE PASSENGER, BOTH TULSA RESIDENTS, WERE IN THE DRIVER'S 1992 GMC VAN WITH OKLAHOMA PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY AND CONTRABAND IN THE VEHICLE (NFI).

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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WRAPPED IN PLASTIC. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO AN
UNKNOWN DESTINATION FROM LOS ANGELES.

ON MAY 28 AT 1400 HOURS. THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SAFETY SEIZED 112 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA ON I-35
NORTHBOUND IN FRIO COUNTY. A MALE RESIDENT OF SAN
ANTONIO, TEXAS, WAS DRIVING A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1988
OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS, EN ROUTE TO SAN ANTONIO FROM EAGLE
PASS, TEXAS. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT.
THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND INSIDE SUGAR SACKS AND ARMY
DUFFLE BAGS IN THE TRUNK. AN ESCORT VEHICLE, A 1997
CHEVROLET WITH TEXAS PLATES, WAS ALSO STOPPED AT THE SAME
TIME. BOTH OF THE DRIVERS WERE ARRESTED.

ON MAY 29 AT 1830 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL
SEIZED 39 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE ON I-15 NORTHBOUND IN SAN
BERNARDINO COUNTY. A COLOMBIAN COUPLE AND A MINOR CHILD
WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1998 FORD EXPLORER WITH
VIRGINIA PLATES, EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK FROM LOS ANGELES.
BOTH OF THE SUBJECTS WERE RESIDENTS OF MIAMI, FLORIDA.
AFTER RECEIVING CONSENT TO SEARCH, TROOPERS DISCOVERED
THE COCAINE IN LUGGAGE AND IN THE QUARTER PANELS OF THE
VEHICLE.

ON MAY 29 AT 1030 HOURS, THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED
17.7 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE ON I-15 NORTHBOUND IN
JUAB COUNTY. A MEXICAN COUPLE WAS TRAVELING IN THE
PASSENGER'S 1989 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX WITH TEMPORARY
NEBRASKA PLATES. THEY WERE EN ROUTE TO SOUTH SIOUX CITY,
NEBRASKA, FROM CALIFORNIA. TROOPERS OBSERVED BONDO AND
HAND-SMEARED MUD AROUND THE VEHICLE WHEEL WELL. THE
METHAMPHETAMINE WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE
WHEEL WELL. THE PASSENGER HAD PURCHASED THE VEHICLE,
ONLY A FEW DAYS PRIOR TO THE SEIZURE, FROM THE INTENDED
RECIPIENT OF THE METHAMPHETAMINE.

ON MAY 31 AT 2230 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL
SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF BLACK TAR HEROIN ON I-40 EASTBOUND
IN OKLAHOMA COUNTY. A COUPLE WAS TRAVELING IN A 1988
OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS WITH MISSOURI PLATES. THERE WAS NO
OWNERSHIP INFORMATION REGARDING THE VEHICLE. THE COUPLE
WAS EN ROUTE TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, FROM LOS ANGELES.
THE DRIVER WAS EXTREMELY NERVOUS, AND BOTH HE AND THE
FEMALE PASSENGER GAVE CONFLICTING STORIES. THE TROOPER
REQUESTED AND RECEIVED CONSENT TO SEARCH. A DRUG
DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO THE LEFT AND RIGHT DOORS. A
SUBSEQUENT SEARCH REVEALED THE HEROIN IN AN
ELECTRONICALLY-CONTROLLED-FALSE-COMPARTMENT IN THE
DRIVER'S SIDE REAR QUARTER PANEL. ANOTHER FALSE
COMPARTMENT, FOUND IN THE PASSENGER SIDE QUARTER PANEL
WAS ALSO ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED. THE PASSENGER SIDE
COMPARTMENT WAS EMPTY. THE SEQUENCE OF EVENTS TO OPEN
THESE COMPARTMENTS WAS NOT REPORTED.

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ON JUNE 2 AT 1035 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 40 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE ON I-15 NORTHBOUND IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. TWO CANADIAN MALES WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 CHEVROLET MOTORHOME WHEN STOPPED FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF HAMILTON, ONTARIO, CANADA, AND THE PASSENGER RESIDED IN CAMBRIDGE, ONTARIO. THEY WERE EN ROUTE TO TORONTO, ONTARIO, FROM ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA. THE VEHICLE HAD ONTARIO PLATES. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE. A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH REVEALED THE COCAINE WITHIN TWO MODIFIED STORAGE COMPARTMENTS FASTENED SHUT WITH MOTORHOME TYPE SCREWS. THERE WERE 40 1-KILOGRAM-SIZED PACKAGES.

ON JUNE 2 AT 1043 HOURS, THE MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SEIZED 109 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA. A MALE RESIDENT OF SUNLAND PARK, NEW MEXICO, WAS DRIVING A PRIVATELY-OWNED TRACTOR TRAILER ON I-20 EASTBOUND IN WARREN COUNTY WHEN HE WAS STOPPED AT THE LICENSE AND WEIGHT STATION. THE SUBJECT WAS ALLEGEDLY EN ROUTE TO FLORIDA FROM SALINAS, CALIFORNIA, WITH TWO STOPS TO BE MADE IN TEXAS AND SOUTH CAROLINA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1994 PETERBILT TRACTOR, TOWING A 1995 FRUEHAUF TRAILER. THE TRACTOR HAD TEXAS PLATES AND THE TRAILER HAD TEMPORARY TENNESSEE PLATES. THE DRIVER CLAIMED THAT HE HAD BEEN LAID OVER FOR ONE AND A HALF DAYS IN EL PASO, TEXAS. HE WAS TO TAKE THE TRACTOR TRAILER TO THE FIRST REST STOP IN SOUTH CAROLINA TO MEET SOME UNKNOWN SUBJECTS TO GIVE THEM THE MARIJUANA. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND INSIDE GARBAGE BAGS IN THE SLEEPER AREA OF THE TRACTOR. A 9MM ULTRA STAR GUN WAS ALSO FOUND IN THE SLEEPER. INSIDE THE TRAILER WERE PALLETIZED LOADS OF SPICES AND CANDLES. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THE MARIJUANA WAS PROBABLY PICKED UP IN EL PASO, DESTINED FOR FLORIDA. THE OWNER OF THE TRACTOR TRAILER WAS NOT PRESENT.

ON JUNE 2 AT 0010 HOURS, THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.8 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE. A SYRIAN MALE RESIDING IN HOLLYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, WAS TRAVELING IN HIS 1990 JAGUAR WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES ON I-15 NORTHBOUND IN LAS VEGAS, CLARK COUNTY, WHEN STOPPED FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. AFTER RECEIVING CONSENT TO SEARCH, TROOPERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE INSIDE A CERAMIC STATUE OF THE SPHINX LOCATED ON THE BACK SEAT. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM LOS ANGELES.

ON JUNE 3 AT 0945 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 13.4 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND \$2,400 U.S. CURRENCY ON I-80 EASTBOUND IN GOLD RUSH, PLACER COUNTY. TWO MEXICAN MALES WERE TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1987 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO FROM SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA. THE PLATE DISPLAYED ON THE CUTLASS CAME BACK TO A DIFFERENT VEHICLE. AFTER RECEIVING CONSENT TO SEARCH, TROOPERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE IN THE DOOR PANELS.

ON JUNE 3 AT 0032 HOURS, THE RICHMOND HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED \$562,255 U.S. CURRENCY AND \$260 IN COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY ON I-95 SOUTHBOUND IN BRYAN COUNTY, GEORGIA. TWO MALES WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVERS 1986 NISSAN STANZA STATION WAGON EN ROUTE TO FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, FROM WOODSIDE, NEW YORK. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE COLOMBIANS AND RESIDENTS OF WOODSIDE. AFTER RECEIVING CONSENT TO SEARCH, A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE. A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH REVEALED THE CURRENCY WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE REAR FLOOR. ACCESS WAS GAINED THROUGH A DOOR FOUND UNDERNEATH THE VEHICLE. THE CURRENCY WAS PLACED IN GALLON-SIZED ZIPLOC BAGS.

ON JUNE 3 AT 2040 HOURS, THE LAMAR COUNTY SHERIFFS OFFICE IN GEORGIA SEIZED 10.5 KILOGRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AND \$280,000 U.S. CURRENCY ON I-75 SOUTHBOUND. TWO MALES WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1998 MITSUBISHI MONTERO EN ROUTE TO MIAMI. THE VEHICLE HAD FLORIDA PLATES. THE DRIVER WAS A RESIDENT OF MIAMI, AND THE PASSENGER WAS A RESIDENT OF OPA-LOCKA, FLORIDA. AFTER RECEIVING CONSENT TO SEARCH, DEPUTIES FOUND THE CRACK COCAINE IN A SUITCASE IN THE REAR CARGO AREA. THE CRACK COCAINE WAS WRAPPED IN FOIL, THEN PLACED INSIDE 43 ZIPLOC SANDWICH BAGS. THE CURRENCY WAS IN THE REAR CARGO AREA, CONCEALED IN SHOE BOXES, A TOOL BOX, AND DUFFLE BAGS. THE SUBJECTS CLAIMED THAT THEY HAD PICKED UP THE CURRENCY IN INDIANA AND TENNESSEE, AND WERE EN ROUTE BACK TO MIAMI AFTER STOPPING OFF IN ATLANTA TO PURCHASE BEER. HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT THIS WAS A REPLACEMENT LOAD FOR THE 25 KILOGRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE SEIZED ON MAY 14 BY THE LOWNDES COUNTY, GEORGIA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE. THE SUBJECTS MAY HAVE TRAVELED TO ATLANTA, SOLD PART OF THE CRACK COCAINE, AND WERE RETURNING TO MIAMI WITH THE UNSOLD CRACK AND PROCEEDS OF THE SALES. THIS IS THE SECOND LARGEST SEIZURE OF CRACK COCAINE EVER TO DATE FOR OPERATION PIPELINE NATIONWIDE.

ON JUNE 4 AT 0020 HOURS, THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 5 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE ON I-55 NORTHBOUND IN PEMISCOT COUNTY. A FEMALE RESIDENT OF AUSTIN, TEXAS, WAS DRIVING A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1992 HONDA ACCORD WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE COCAINE WAS FOUND INSIDE A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT IN THE GAS TANK. ACCESS WAS GAINED BY REMOVING THE BACK SEAT. THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN GRAY DUCT TAPE.

ON JUNE 5 AT 0903 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.2 KILOGRAMS OF BLACK TAR HEROIN ON I-5 NORTHBOUND IN GLENN COUNTY. TWO MEXICAN MALES WERE TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY OWNED 1991 NISSAN SENTRA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. BOTH SUBJECTS WERE RESIDENTS OF MONROE, OREGON. THEY WERE EN ROUTE TO PORTLAND, OREGON, FROM LOS ANGELES. AFTER RECEIVING CONSENT TO SEARCH, THE TROOPERS FOUND THE HEROIN INSIDE AN ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE DASHBOARD.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 05/30/96

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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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

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.

ON MAY 3, AT 1015 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED \$101,360 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-10 IN ORANGE COUNTY. THE HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MEXICO FROM NEW JERSEY IN A 1996 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH CONNECTICUT PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN LUGGAGE IN THE SLEEPER.

ON MAY 5, AT 0630 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 114 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES AND A FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-35 IN OKLAHOMA COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A GREENFIELD, INDIANA, RESIDENT; HIS MALE PASSENGER, A NEW CASTLE, INDIANA, RESIDENT; AND THE FEMALE PASSENGER, A HILLSDALE, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO INDIANA FROM FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA, IN THE MALE PASSENGER'S 1986 FORD MOTORHOME WITH INDIANA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND SEVERAL LARGE SARAN-WRAPPED PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA THROUGHOUT THE VEHICLE.

ON MAY 6, AT 1515 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 28 GRAMS OF HEROIN, \$29,238 IN U.S. CURRENCY AND 235 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-35 IN ELLIS COUNTY. THE DALLAS, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO DALLAS FROM AUSTIN, TEXAS; IN HER 1995 DODGE PICKUP TRUCK WITH TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND AND CURRENCY WITHIN A PLASTIC BAG ON THE FLOORBOARD.

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ON MAY 13, AT 1719 HOURS, THE BRYAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA, SEIZED 25 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95. THE HIALEAH, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1993 FORD TAURUS WITH FLORIDA PLATES. HIS ORIGIN AND DESTINATION ARE UNKNOWN. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT BETWEEN THE REAR SEAT AND THE TRUNK (NFI).

ON MAY 20, AT 1417 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 262 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-15 IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, FROM MEXICO IN A 1983 GMC JIMMY WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. WHEN OFFICERS ATTEMPTED TO MAKE A TRAFFIC STOP, THE SUBJECT VEHICLE FLED. AFTER A 25-MILE VEHICLE CHASE, THE VEHICLE STOPPED AND THE SUBJECT ATTEMPTED TO FLEE ON FOOT BUT WAS QUICKLY APPREHENDED. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE CARGO AREA.

ON MAY 21, AT 1945 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 432,000 DOSAGE UNITS OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-880 IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS FEMALE PASSENGER, RESIDENCE UNKNOWN, WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN JOSE FROM SANTA CLARA, CALIFORNIA, IN THE DRIVER'S 1989 CHEVROLET ASTRO WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 50 BOXES OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE CARGO AREA.

ON MAY 22, THE MIDLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS, SEIZED \$120,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A VEHICLE INVOLVED IN A FATAL ACCIDENT ON SR-349 IN MARTIN COUNTY. AFTER A MALE ODESSA, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS KILLED IN THE ACCIDENT, THE DAMAGED 1992 SATURN WITH TEXAS PLATES, WAS TOWED TO A GARAGE IN THE MIDLAND, TEXAS, AREA AND A THOROUGH SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY IN THE VEHICLE'S SEAT CUSHIONS (NFI).

ON MAY 22, AT 1110 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.9 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-680 IN SOLANO COUNTY. THE SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, FROM SAN JOSE IN A 1983 NISSAN SENTRA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE DRIVER'S SIDE DOOR PANEL.

ON MAY 22, AT 1640 HOURS, THE IRVING POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS, SEIZED 10 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE CARROLLTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT TRAVELING IN A 1994 CHRYSLER WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 10 PACKAGES OF COCAINE WRAPPED IN BROWN TAPE, WITHIN A NYLON BAG IN THE TRUNK.

ON MAY 22, AT 2130 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 26 KILOGRAMS OF EPHEDRINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE ALHAMBRA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, IN A RENTED 1998 MERCURY MARQUIS WITH NO PLATES DISPLAYED. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE TRUNK.

ON MAY 23, AT 1118 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 130 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON SR-97 IN WILSON COUNTY. THE DRIVER, AN ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A HAMMOND, INDIANA, RESIDENT WERE IN A 1990 FORD VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT IN THE CARGO AREA.

ON MAY 23, AT 1739 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 335 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES AND A FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-35 IN MEDINA COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A DETROIT, MICHIGAN, RESIDENT; A MALE PASSENGER, ALSO FROM DETROIT; AND A FEMALE PASSENGER FROM ONTARIO, CANADA, WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM LAREDO, TEXAS, IN AN INDIANA REGISTERED KENWORTH TRACTOR AND A MAINE REGISTERED GREAT DANE TRAILER (NFI). A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE TRAILER COMMINGLED WITH A LEGITIMATE LOAD OF AUTO PARTS.

ON MAY 24, AT 1330 HOURS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 362 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-70 IN SALINE COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A CERES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A MODESTO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO TENNESSEE FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA, IN A 1994 FLEETWOOD FLAIR MOTORHOME WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF CONTRABAND THROUGHOUT THE VEHICLE.

ON MAY 25, AT 1740 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 123 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-35 IN ELLIS COUNTY. THE CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, FROM MATHIS, TEXAS, IN A 1995 PONTIAC GRAND AM WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE TRUNK.

ON MAY 26, AT 1140 HOURS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.5 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-70 IN THOMAS COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, FROM CALIFORNIA. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE SPARE TIRE (NFI).

ON MAY 26, AT 1520 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON SR-99 IN KERN COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A DELANO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, AN EARLIMART, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, FROM DELANO IN THE DRIVER'S 1990 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH WITHIN THE SPARE TIRE WELL. AIR FRESHENER WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

ON MAY 26, AT 1600 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 172 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO FEMALES TRAVELING WEST ON SR-60 IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A BELL, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HER PASSENGER, A LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA, IN A RENTED 1993 GMC TRUCK WITH ARIZONA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA WITHIN BOXES, COMINGLED WITH FURNITURE, IN THE CARGO AREA.

ON MAY 28, AT 0600 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.8 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM TWO MALES AND A FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, A BELTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT; A MALE PASSENGER FROM TEMPLE, TEXAS; AND A FEMALE PASSENGER FROM PENDLETON, TEXAS, WERE EN ROUTE TO SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, FROM FONTANA, CALIFORNIA, IN THE DRIVER'S 1998 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER WITH TEXAS PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE SPARE TIRE.

ON MAY 29, AT 0150 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.1 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5. THE PITTSBURG, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PITTSBURG FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1991 BUICK CENTURY WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE WINDSHIELD WIPER COWLING.

ON MAY 29, AT 1045 HOURS, THE MEMPHIS POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TENNESSEE, SEIZED 321 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-40. THE DRIVER, AN ALTAMONT, NEW YORK, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A RED HOOK, NEW YORK, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO SAUGERTIES, NEW YORK, FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA, IN A COMPANY-OWNED BUS WITH NEW YORK PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN DUFFEL BAGS THROUGHOUT THE VEHICLE.

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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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
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****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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

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.

ON APRIL 22, AT 2027 HOURS, THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 1.4 KILOGRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE IN A RENTED 1998 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR WITH VIRGINIA PLATES. THE DRIVER, A FREDERICKSBURG, VIRGINIA, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGERS, ANOTHER FREDERICKSBURG RESIDENT, AND A WASHINGTON, D.C., RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON FROM QUEENS, NEW YORK. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND INSIDE A SHOE BOX LYING ON THE REAR SEAT.

ON MAY 10, AT 0115 HOURS, THE WARREN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSISSIPPI, SEIZED 173 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE DRIVING EAST ON I-20. THE FT. WORTH, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NORTH CAROLINA FROM MCALLEN, TEXAS, IN A 1997 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH TEXAS PLATES TOWING A 1986 GREAT DANE TRAILER WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, INSIDE THE TRAILER, UNDER A LOAD OF PRODUCE.

ON MAY 10, AT 2030 HOURS, THE VIRGINIA STATE POLICE SEIZED \$300,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE DRIVING SOUTH ON I-95 IN CAROLINE COUNTY. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK, IN A RENTED 1998 BUICK WITH NORTH CAROLINA PLATES.

ON MAY 11, AT 1040 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.4 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN GLENN COUNTY. THE TIETON, WASHINGTON, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO YAKIMA, WASHINGTON, FROM FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, IN THE MALE DRIVER'S 1991 EAGLE TALON WITH WASHINGTON PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH IN THE RIGHT REAR QUARTER PANEL. BABY POWDER AND PERFUME WERE USED AS MASKING AGENTS.

ON MAY 11, AT 1438 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED \$365,840 IN U.S. CURRENCY AND A .32 CALIBER PISTOL FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING WEST ON I-30 IN HOPKINS COUNTY. THE SAN ANGELO, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN ANGELO IN A 1991 BUICK WITH TEXAS PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY IN THE REAR QUARTER PANELS. 2

ON MAY 12, AT 1130 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$245,085 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE DRIVING SOUTH ON I-5 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE TIJUANA, MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO TIJUANA, FROM LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1990 CHEVROLET LUMINA WITH MEXICAN PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY IN THE DASH OF THE VEHICLE.

ON MAY 12, AT 2005 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$24,574 IN U.S. CURRENCY AND 13,620 DOSAGE UNITS OF PSEUDOPHEDRINE FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON US-101 IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS TWO PASSENGERS, BOTH RESIDENTS OF SALINAS, CALIFORNIA, WERE EN ROUTE TO SALINAS FROM SAN JOSE IN A 1992 FORD EXPLORER WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND AND CURRENCY IN THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE.

ON MAY 13, AT 1235 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.4 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A FEMALE AND TWO MALES TRAVELING WEST ON SR-152 IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THE FEMALE DRIVER, AN ATWATER, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HER TWO MALE PASSENGERS, BOTH MERCED, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS, WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, FROM MERCED IN A 1998 DODGE RAM WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES, OWNED BY ONE OF THE PASSENGERS. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH LOCATED BEHIND THE REAR SEAT.

ON MAY 13, AT 1227 HOURS, THE OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 111 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE DRIVING EAST ON I-80/90 IN WILLIAMS COUNTY. THE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA, FROM CHICAGO IN HIS 1984 CHEVROLET PICKUP WITH ILLINOIS PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA IN A FALSE WALL BETWEEN THE BED OF THE TRUCK AND THE CAB. CARPET DEODORIZER WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

ON MAY 13, AT 1940 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.2 KILOGRAMS OF METH AND 778 GRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE DRIVING NORTH ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE OMAHA, NEBRASKA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO OMAHA FROM PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1986 NISSAN MAXIMA WITH NEBRASKA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE HOLLOWED OUT BRAKE BOOSTER. GARLIC WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

ON MAY 13, AT 2100 HOURS, THE ZAPATA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED 251 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM AN ABANDONED 1992 MERCURY WITH TEXAS PLATES ON A COUNTY ROAD. THE DRIVER ABANDONED THE VEHICLE AND ESCAPED WHEN THE OFFICERS ATTEMPTED TO MAKE A TRAFFIC STOP. THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND IN THE TRUNK AND ON THE FRONT AND REAR SEATS (NFI).

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ON MAY 15, AT 0200 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 1.7 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND 286 GRAMS OF BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN POTTER COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A MADISON, NEBRASKA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, AN OMAHA, NEBRASKA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO OMAHA FROM EITHER ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, OR PHOENIX, ARIZONA, IN A 1995 GEO METRO WITH NEBRASKA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH IN THE TRUNK.

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SUBJECT: HIGHWAY INTERDICTION TRENDS FIRST QUARTER CY98
OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
-SEIZURE ANALYSIS
EPIC BULLETIN

THE INFORMATION IN THIS TELETYPE IS DERIVED FROM MULTISOURCE/MULTIAGENCY INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT EPIC. THE INFORMATION IS DEA SENSITIVE AND SHOULD BE HANDLED ACCORDINGLY. THIS UNSOLICITED TELETYPE CONCERNS THE SEIZURE OF DRUGS AND RELATED PROCEEDS ON HIGHWAYS WITHIN THE CONTINENTAL UNITED STATES BY STATE AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS. THESE SEIZURES OCCURRED AS A RESULT OF A TRAFFIC STOP OR LICENSE AND WEIGHT INSPECTION.

1. OVERVIEW

SEIZURE AMOUNTS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER OF CY98 IN ALMOST ALL CATEGORIES INCREASED OVER FOURTH QUARTER CY97. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT INCREASE WAS IN THE AREAS OF COCAINE (2,981 KGS FIRST QTR CY98 VS 1,866 KGS FOURTH QUARTER CY97) AND HEROIN (28 KGS FIRST QTR CY98 VS 6 KGS FOURTH QUARTER CY97). THIS BULLETIN EXAMINES TRENDS IN THE MOVEMENT OF THOSE TWO DRUGS DURING THE FIRST QUARTER OF CY98. INCREASES IN COCAINE AND HEROIN SEIZURE AMOUNTS FOR OPERATION PIPELINE MIRROR THOSE ON THE SOUTHWEST BORDER IN THE SAME PERIOD. THE MAJORITY OF THE HEROIN SEIZED ON THE HIGHWAYS WAS OF MEXICAN ORIGIN (2 KGS MEXICAN BROWN AND 21 KGS OF MEXICAN TAR). GIVEN THE SOUTHWEST BORDER ACTIVITY DURING THE SAME PERIOD, IT COULD BE STATED THAT DRUGS CONTINUE TO ENTER THE U.S. THROUGH THE SOUTHWEST BORDER TO BE DISTRIBUTED THROUGHOUT THE CONTINENTAL U.S. HIGHWAY INTERDICTION IS AN EXTREMELY EFFECTIVE TOOL IN DETERRING THIS MOVEMENT AWAY FROM THE BORDER.

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2. ORIGIN/DESTINATION

THE MAJORITY OF THE COCAINE SEIZED WAS LINKED TO POINTS OF ORIGIN IN THE STATES OF CALIFORNIA AND TEXAS EN ROUTE TO CITIES IN CALIFORNIA, ILLINOIS, MICHIGAN, NEW YORK AND TEXAS. HEROIN MOVEMENT WAS PRIMARILY FROM CALIFORNIA TO POINTS WITHIN CALIFORNIA AND WASHINGTON STATE.

3. HIGHWAYS

THE BULK OF THE COCAINE (90 PERCENT) WAS MOVED ON THE INTERSTATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM. THE PREDOMINANT INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS USED WERE I40, I10, I35, I5, I80 AND I95. HEROIN MOVEMENT WAS PRIMARILY ON I5, I40, AND I15.

4. VEHICLES/CONCEALMENT METHODS

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5. ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ARE WELCOMED, AND SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO [REDACTED] EPIC RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, [REDACTED] EPIC RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS SECTION, DOMESTIC UNIT, AT [REDACTED]

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 05/09/98

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ON APRIL 16, AT 1202 HOURS, THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 2.3 KILOGRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AND \$5,264 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE IN SALEM COUNTY. THE HIGH POINT, NORTH CAROLINA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO HIGH POINT FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK, IN A 1989 MERCURY SABLE STATION WAGON WITH NEW YORK PLATES. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF AN ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED COMPARTMENT BETWEEN THE REAR SEAT AND THE CARGO AREA (NFI). THE CRACK COCAINE WAS WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC WITH FABRIC SOFTENER SHEETS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

ON APRIL 25, AT 1315 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 596 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON US-83 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE ATLANTA, GEORGIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA, FROM MISSION, TEXAS, IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1995 PETERBILT TRACTOR, WITH ALABAMA PLATES, TOWING A REFRIGERATED TRAILER, WITH GEORGIA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND, WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE AND GRAY DUCT TAPE, INSIDE THE TRAILER. THE MARIJUANA WAS DISCOVERED WITHIN CARDBOARD BOXES ON TOP OF A LOAD OF ONIONS. GREASE WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

ON APRIL 28, AT 0925 HOURS, THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) AND 4 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-80 IN ELKO COUNTY. THE DRIVER A GUADALUPE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, AN OCEANO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO MINNESOTA FROM CALIFORNIA IN THE DRIVER'S 1992 NISSAN SENTRA WITH MINNESOTA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE REAR INTERIOR PASSENGER SIDE PANEL. THE METH AND COCAINE WERE WRAPPED IN BLACK TAPE. DRYER SHEETS AND LAUNDRY SOAP WERE USED AS MASKING AGENTS.

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ON APRIL 28, AT 1200 HOURS, THE MCALLEN POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 149 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING, IN A 1989 CADILLAC WITH TEXAS PLATES, ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET IN MCALLEN. THE DRIVER MANAGED TO ESCAPE AND THE SUBSEQUENT SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF BRICKS OF MARIJUANA WITHIN THE TRUNK.

ON MAY 1, AT 0100 HOURS, THE VILLARICA/CARROLL INTERSTATE TASK FORCE IN GEORGIA SEIZED 321 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND 3 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-20 IN CARROLL COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A MCALLEN, TEXAS, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER WERE EN ROUTE TO BANKS COUNTY, GEORGIA, FROM MCALLEN IN THE DRIVER'S 1994 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH TEXAS PLATES TOWING A REFRIGERATED TRAILER WITH TEXAS PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA AND COCAINE COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF PRODUCE. GREASE WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

ON MAY 1, AT 1120 HOURS, THE DAVENPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT IN IOWA SEIZED 223 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND A .22 CALIBER HANDGUN FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EAST ON I-80 IN SCOTT COUNTY. THE PHOENIX, ARIZONA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM PHOENIX IN A 1979 FORD VAN WITH ARIZONA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VAN, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN A WOODEN BOX BUILT IN THE CARGO AREA. THE BOX WAS USED AS A BED.

ON MAY 1, AT 1445 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$120,005 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-10 IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE GRANADA HILLS, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MEXICO FROM GRANADA HILLS IN A 1996 PONTIAC TRANS AM WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF .25 BUNDLES OF CURRENCY IN THE REAR SIDE PANELS AND SEAT TOTALING \$115,005. AN ADDITIONAL \$5000 WAS ON THE DRIVER'S PERSON.

ON MAY 2, AT 2301 HOURS, THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 113 GRAMS OF HEROIN AND 339 GRAMS OF COCAINE FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95 IN SALEM COUNTY. THE NEW YORK, NEW YORK, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, FROM NEW YORK IN A 1998 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE WITH NEW YORK PLATES. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE SPARE TIRE COMPARTMENT.

ON MAY 5, AT 0915 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.8 KILOGRAMS OF METH AND 1.8 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE AND FEMALE WITH 3 JUVENILES TRAVELING NORTH ON SR-99 IN MERCED COUNTY. THE ONTARIO, OREGON, RESIDENTS WERE IN THE MALE DRIVER'S 1991 EAGLE WITH OREGON PLATES. A VEHICLE SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH ON THE RIGHT FRONT FLOORBOARD UNDER DIAPERS, AND THE MARIJUANA UNDER THE SPARE TIRE.

ON MAY 5, AT 1510 HOURS, THE CAMDEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA SEIZED \$209,989 IN U.S. CURRENCY AND \$20 IN COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95. THE COLOMBIAN DRIVER, AN ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A REGO PARK, NEW YORK, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK, IN A RENTED 1998 MERCURY MYSTIQUE WITH FLORIDA PLATES. A VEHICLE SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN A BACKPACK ON THE REAR SEAT, AND INSIDE OF TWO SUITCASES IN THE TRUNK.

ON MAY 5, AT 1545 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED 943 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM AN ABANDONED 1997 FORD RENTAL VAN WITH ILLINOIS PLATES ON THE SIDE OF I-57 NEAR I-80 IN COOK COUNTY. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA IN THE UNDERCARRIAGE AND REAR DOORS OF THE VAN. TRANSMISSION FLUID WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

ON MAY 5, AT 2245 HOURS, THE LOWNDES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF HEROIN FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-75. THE DETROIT, MICHIGAN, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN, FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA, IN A 1993 EAGLE VISION WITH MICHIGAN PLATES. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND PACKAGED IN 195 CAPSULES, WRAPPED IN RUBBER, AND TAPED TO THE INSIDE OF THE SPARE TIRE.

ON MAY 6, AT 0001 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 4.3 KILOGRAMS OF METH AND A 9MM HANDGUN FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY. BOTH WINLOCK, WASHINGTON, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO WINLOCK FROM SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1989 HONDA PRELUDE WITH WASHINGTON PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH AND HANDGUN IN THE DRIVER'S SIDE ROCKER PANEL.

ON MAY 6, AT 0101 HOURS, THE GEORGIA STATE PATROL SEIZED \$626,095 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95 IN EFFINGHAM COUNTY. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MIAMI FROM NEW YORK IN A 1993 NISSAN QUEST WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY IN A 3-INCH DEEP ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED COMPARTMENT BENEATH THE FLOOR OF THE VAN. THE COMPARTMENT EXTENDED FROM THE REAR SEAT TO THE REAR BUMPER.

ON MAY 6, AT 1408 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED \$206,014 IN U.S. CURRENCY AND 1.1 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-80 IN LASALLE COUNTY. THE SAN YSIDRO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM SAN YSIDRO IN A 1995 CHRYSLER WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY AND COCAINE IN THE PASSENGER SIDE AIR BAG COMPARTMENT.

ON MAY 6, AT 1610 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.8 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN MERCED COUNTY. THE SALINAS, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, FROM SALINAS IN A 1995 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH WITHIN THE SPEAKER BOX IN THE TRUNK.

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ON MAY 7, AT 1300 HOURS, THE FT. WORTH POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 349 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING, IN A 1992 MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES, ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET IN FT. WORTH, TEXAS. THE HEROIN WAS IN 10 PLASTIC AND BLACK TAPE WRAPPED PACKAGES, INSIDE A TOWEL WITHIN A SHOPPING BAG, BENEATH THE DASH NEAR THE GLOVE BOX.

ON MAY 6, AT 1710 HOURS, THE INDIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 177 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-65 IN MARION COUNTY. THE DALLAS, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM TEXAS IN A 1996 CHEVROLET VAN WITH INDIANA PLATES. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH FOUND SEVERAL GYM BAGS AND A CARDBOARD BOX CONTAINING THE MARIJUANA.

ON MAY 9, AT 0732 HOURS, THE MARTIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN FLORIDA SEIZED 5.2 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-95 IN FLORIDA. THE PLANTATION, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SOUTH CAROLINA FROM FT. LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, IN A RENTED 1998 NISSAN WITH FLORIDA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF NEWSPAPER AND BROWN TAPE WRAPPED PACKAGES OF COCAINE WITHIN THE DOOR PANELS.

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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

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 05/02/98

****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
LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL
LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S.
HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN
INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON
REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

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
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ON APRIL 12, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY
SEIZED 1.4 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM TWO
MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN COCONINO COUNTY. THE
TELL CITY, INDIANA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MISSOURI
FROM CALIFORNIA IN A 1994 CHEVROLET SEDAN BEARING INDIANA
PLATES. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL
SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH INSIDE A GYM BAG
ON THE BACK SEAT.

ON APRIL 16, AT 1340 HOURS, THE COLORADO STATE PATROL
SEIZED 5 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM 2 MALES TRAVELING EAST ON
I-76 IN WELD COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A NORTH CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS, RESIDENT AND A MALE PASSENGER WERE EN ROUTE TO
CHICAGO FROM DENVER IN A RENTED 1998 FORD WINDSTAR WITH
WISCONSIN PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE
DISCOVERY OF THE METH IN 5 PACKAGES WRAPPED IN WOOD GRAIN
PATTERN CONTACT PAPER WITHIN A NATURAL CAVITY OF THE
SLIDING PASSENGER DOOR.

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ON APRIL 17, AT 2112 HOURS, THE MADISON PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN LOUISIANA SEIZED 121 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON SR-603. THE LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO FLORIDA FROM LAS CRUCES IN A 1985 FORD PICKUP (LOAD VEHICLE) WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. ACCOMPANYING THE LOAD VEHICLE, WAS A 1994 CHEVROLET PICKUP, WITH NEW MEXICO PLATES, DRIVEN BY ITS OWNER, A SAN MIGUEL, NEW MEXICO, RESIDENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND BENEATH A FALSE FLOOR IN THE BED OF THE LOAD VEHICLE.

ON APRIL 20, AT 0717 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED 110 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-80 IN BUREAU COUNTY. THE MIRAMAR, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CLEVELAND, OHIO, FROM LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, IN A RENTED 1998 MERCURY SABLE WITH NEVADA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, WITHIN THREE BLACK DUFFEL BAGS, IN THE TRUNK.

ON APRIL 20, AT 2000 HOURS, THE INDIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 188 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-70 IN MARION COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, FROM TEXAS IN A 1992 GMC 1500 PICKUP, WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA WITHIN A HOMEMADE TRUCK BED. THE MARIJUANA WAS SARAN WRAPPED, AND PROFESSIONALLY HEAT-SEALED. DETERGENT WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

ON APRIL 21, AT 1143 HOURS, THE KENT COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MARYLAND SEIZED \$142,290 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON US-301. THE BOWIE, MARYLAND, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO BOWIE FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK, IN A 1995 ISUZU RODEO WITH MARYLAND PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN A NEW TOOLBOX IN THE VEHICLE'S CARGO AREA. THE TOOLBOX HAD BEEN REPACKAGED IN ITS ORIGINAL BOX TO APPEAR NEWLY PURCHASED.

ON APRIL 24, AT 1730 HOURS, THE OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 254 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND A STOLEN .44 CALIBER, TAURUS HANDGUN FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-60 IN PORTAGE COUNTY. THE DRIVER WAS EN ROUTE TO CLEVELAND, OHIO, FROM YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO, IN A RENTED 1998 CHEVROLET BLAZER WITH OHIO PLATES. AN INVENTORY SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA IN THE CARGO AREA. THE MARIJUANA WAS WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE, BROWN TAPE, AND DUCT TAPE.

ON APRIL 24, AT 1925 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.6 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM THREE SUBJECTS TRAVELING WEST ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER AND MALE PASSENGER, BOTH SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS AND A FEMALE PASSENGER, A TULSA, OKLAHOMA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN BERNARDINO FROM OKLAHOMA IN A 1993 CHEVROLET BLAZER WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES AND TOWING A FORD TAURUS. THE OWNERS OF THE VEHICLES WERE NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT ON THE TOWED VEHICLE, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH IN THE TOWED VEHICLE'S TRUNK BEHIND THE DRIVER SIDE QUARTER PANEL. WAX WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

ON APRIL 25, AT 1445 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 6 KILOGRAMS OF MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN SHASTA COUNTY. THE ALMSVILLE, OREGON, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SALEM, OREGON, FROM SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1997 HONDA CIVIC WITH OREGON PLATES. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF FIVE CYLINDRICAL-SHAPED PACKAGES OF HEROIN, WRAPPED IN BLACK ELECTRICAL TAPE, INSIDE A PLASTIC SHOPPING BAG, WITHIN A DUFFEL BAG. HAIR GEL WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

ON APRIL 25, AT 2130 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 11 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE PORTERVILLE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TEXAS, FROM PORTERVILLE IN A RENTED 1994 GMC MOVING VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VAN'S CONTENTS, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE WALLS OF A REFRIGERATOR.

ON APRIL 26, AT 0845, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.4 KILOGRAMS OF METH AND \$2,800 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO TULSA, OKLAHOMA, FROM SAN BERNARDINO IN HIS 1987 DODGE VAN. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH WITHIN THE RIGHT FRONT DOOR AND THE CURRENCY IN THE SUBJECT'S POCKETS.

ON APRIL 26, AT 1031 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 117 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND 16 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON US-77 IN REFUGIO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A GREGORY, TEXAS, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A SAN CARLOS, TEXAS, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO MACON, GEORGIA, FROM GREGORY IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1993 KENWORTH TRACTOR TOWING A 1989 UTILITY REFRIGERATED TRAILER. A SEARCH OF THE TRACTOR-TRAILER LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE TRAILER COMMINGLED WITH FROZEN PRODUCE. THERE WERE SEVEN BUNDLES CONTAINING MARIJUANA WITH 10 BRICKS OF COCAINE WITHIN THE BUNDLES. FOUR OF THE COCAINE BRICKS HAD THE LETTERS "POSTOBON" ON THEM AND SIX OF THE BRICKS HAD "MD" MARKED ON THEM.

ON APRIL 28, AT 0840 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.8 KILOGRAMS OF MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN COLUSA COUNTY. THE COMMERCE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MEDFORD, OREGON, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN HIS 1987 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE HEROIN BETWEEN THE VENT FAN AND THE FIREWALL. EIGHT PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN BLACK ELECTRICAL TAPE, THREE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN WHITE CONDOMS, AND ONE PACKAGE WAS MARKED WITH "PARA TILLO" WRITTEN IN BLACK MARKER.

ON APRIL 28, AT 1200 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.3 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN YOLO COUNTY. THE MEDFORD, OREGON, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MEDFORD FROM SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, IN HIS 1981 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH OREGON PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH WITHIN THE DRIVER'S SIDE FRONT FENDER WELL. ENGINE GREASE WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

ON APRIL 28, AT 1320 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.3 KILOGRAMS OF METH AND \$1,664 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN COLUSA COUNTY. THE MT ANGEL, OREGON, RESIDENTS WERE ENROUTE TO MT ANGEL FROM LONG BEACH IN THEIR 1978 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO WITH OREGON PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH WITHIN THE DRIVER'S SIDE REAR QUARTER PANEL. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND IN THE FEMALE DRIVER'S PURSE.

ON APRIL 29, AT 1105 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.2 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON SR-99 IN KERN COUNTY. THE SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SACRAMENTO FROM SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA, IN HIS 1986 TOYOTA 4RUNNER WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH, INSIDE A NATURAL VOID IN THE TAILGATE, WRAPPED IN CLEAR CELLOPHANE AND SILVER DUCT TAPE.

ON APRIL 29, AT 1728 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.3 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND 1.1 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN FRESNO COUNTY. THE SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SEATTLE FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN HIS 1980 MERCEDES BENZ S2500 WITH WASHINGTON PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH UNDER THE REAR SEAT, WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE. TWO PACKAGES OF COCAINE WERE FOUND, WITHIN THE INSULATION OF A COOLER, WRAPPED IN WOOD GRAIN PATTERN CONTACT PAPER.

ON APRIL 29, AT 1900 HOURS, THE LOWNDES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA SEIZED 7.7 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, A .357 CALIBER TAURUS REVOLVER AND \$50,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-75 IN GEORGIA. THE DECATUR, GEORGIA, RESIDENT WAS ENROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA, IN A RENTED 1997 JEEP CHEROKEE WITH GEORGIA PLATES. SHE WAS ESCORTED BY A RENTED 1997 CHEVROLET MALIBU WITH GEORGIA PLATES. THIS ESCORT VEHICLE WAS DRIVEN BY A MALE ATLANTA, GEORGIA, RESIDENT ACCOMPANIED BY HIS MALE PASSENGER, A DECATUR RESIDENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE, WEAPON AND CURRENCY WITHIN LUGGAGE IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE JEEP CHEROKEE. THERE WERE 3 ONE-KILOGRAM AND 4 ONE-HALF KILOGRAM PACKAGES WRAPPED IN CLEAR CELLOPHANE. THE REMAINDER OF THE COCAINE WAS PACKAGED WITHIN GALLON-SIZE ZIPLOCK BAGS.

ON APRIL 30, AT 1420 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF METH FROM 2 MALES TRAVELING EAST ON SR-60 IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE PHOENIX, ARIZONA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX FROM CORONA, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1986 SAAB 900 WITH ARIZONA PLATES. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF TWO PACKAGES OF METH, WRAPPED IN PLASTIC, WITHIN A FAST FOOD BAG, ON TOP OF THE REAR SEAT.

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ON APRIL 30, AT 1433 HOURS, THE NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 125 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN DAVIDSON COUNTY. THE ROANOKE, VIRGINIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO VIRGINIA FROM ARIZONA IN A 1989 LINCOLN WITH VIRGINIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A SEARCH, THE OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

ON MAY 1, AT 0500 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED \$2,812,634 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-57 IN EFFINGHAM COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, IN THEIR 1996 FORD MOTORHOME. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 87 PACKAGES OF CURRENCY WITHIN THE BENCH SEATS AT THE KITCHEN TABLE AND 1 PACKAGE IN THE FEMALE'S PURSE.

ON MAY 1, AT 2312 HOURS, THE MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, POLICE DEPARTMENT SEIZED 138 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-240 IN SHELBY COUNTY. THE SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, FROM SAN ANTONIO IN A 1991 CHEVROLET VAN BEARING TEXAS PLATES TOWING A TRAILER WITH NO PLATES DISPLAYED. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A FALSE FLOOR OF THE TRAILER.

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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ON APRIL 16, AT 0600 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.4 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE ORLANDO, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO DANVILLE, VIRGINIA, FROM FONTANA, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1985 PONTIAC BEARING FLORIDA TAGS. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A SEARCH, THE OFFICERS FOUND THE METH ENCLOSED WITHIN ZIPLOCK BAGS, IN A BRIEFCASE, ON THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT.

ON APRIL 18, AT 1206 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 400 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE DRIVING NORTH ON SR-359 IN DUVAL COUNTY. THE KENNEDY, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1990 CHEVROLET PICKUP WITH TEXAS TAGS. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND BEHIND THE FRONT SEAT AND IN THE TOOLBOX.

ON APRIL 21, AT 0710 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.8 KILOGRAMS OF METH AND 27 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE DRIVING NORTH ON I-5 IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO OREGON FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN HIS 1986 FORD VAN WITH OREGON TAGS. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN SIX FALSE COMPARTMENTS WITHIN THE VEHICLE. TWO COMPARTMENTS WERE LOCATED BENEATH THE FLOOR UNDER THE CENTER ROW PASSENGER SEATS, AND FOUR COMPARTMENTS WERE BENEATH THE FLOOR OF THE CARGO AREA, ONE OF WHICH WAS ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED. THIS COMPARTMENT HAD TWO WIRES RUNNING FROM IT TO THE VEHICLE'S FUSE BOX. WHEN THE TWO WIRES WERE TOUCHED TOGETHER, A HINGED TRAP DOOR DROPPED OPEN BENEATH THE COMPARTMENT.

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ON APRIL 21, AT 1445 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.5 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LAS VEGAS FROM LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1987 CADILLAC WITH CALIFORNIA TAGS. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND UNDER CLOTHING IN THE TRUNK.

ON APRIL 21, AT 2045 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 858 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON US-83 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE REYNOSA, TAMAUlipAS, MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING THE LOAD VEHICLE, A 1991 CHEVROLET PICKUP BEARING TEXAS TAGS. WHEN OFFICERS ATTEMPTED TO STOP HIM, THE SUBJECT REFUSED TO STOP AND A PURSUIT ENSUED. A SECOND VEHICLE, A 1991 FORD EXPLORER BEARING TEXAS TAGS, DRIVEN BY A MALE, PHARR, TEXAS, RESIDENT, HINDERED THE OFFICER'S ATTEMPT TO OVERTAKE THE LOAD VEHICLE, THUS ALLOWING IT TO TEMPORARILY ESCAPE. AFTER RAMMING AND DISABLING THE OFFICER'S VEHICLE, THE FORD EXPLORER ALSO, TEMPORARILY, ESCAPED. THE DRIVERS OF BOTH VEHICLES WERE LATER APPREHENDED. THE OWNERS OF BOTH VEHICLES WERE NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLES REVEALED 760 BRICKS OF COCAINE IN BLACK TRASH BAGS, WRAPPED WITH EITHER BROWN OR WHITE DUCT-TAPE, IN THE LOAD VEHICLE'S CARGO BED.

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ON APRIL 22, AT 1247 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 12,586 DOSAGE UNITS OF VALIUM AND A .380 PISTOL FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-20 IN WEBSTER PARISH. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE, FROM EL PASO, TEXAS. THE KNOXVILLE, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1996 CHEVROLET WITH TENNESSEE TAGS. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE VALIUM IN A PAPER SACK WITHIN THE TRUNK.

ON APRIL 22, AT 1755 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON SR-99 IN KERN COUNTY. THE DRIVER, AN INGLEWOOD, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A LINDSAY, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, FROM LINDSAY, IN A 1998 CADILLAC WITH CALIFORNIA TAGS. THE VEHICLE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH WITHIN A GAS CAN IN THE TRUNK.

ON APRIL 23, AT 1245 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 161 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE DRIVING NORTH ON US-83 IN ZAPATA COUNTY. THE NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, RESIDENT, WAS DRIVING A 1982 CHEVROLET BLAZER WITH MEXICAN TAGS. THE MARIJUANA WAS IN PLAIN VIEW ON THE BACKSEAT AND IN THE CARGO AREA.

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ON APRIL 23, AT 1950 HOURS, THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE SEIZED 197 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE DRIVING EAST ON I-30 IN HEMPSTEAD COUNTY. THE DETROIT, MICHIGAN, RESIDENT, WAS EN ROUTE TO DETROIT, FROM NOGALES, ARIZONA, IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1989 PETERBILT TRACTOR TOWING A 1986 AMERICAN REFRIGERATED TRAILER BOTH BEARING MICHIGAN TAGS. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA IN SEVENTEEN CARDBOARD BOXES, ON PALLETS, WITH TEDDY BEAR MARKINGS. COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF CANTALOUPE.

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ON APRIL 24, AT 1034 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 117 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE DRIVING EAST ON I-40 IN OLDHAM COUNTY. THE PECOS, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A COMPANY-OWNED 1995 PETERBILT TRACTOR TOWING A 1989 UTILITY REFRIGERATED SEMITRAILER, BOTH BEARING NEW MEXICO TAGS, EN ROUTE TO BRONX, NEW YORK, FROM LAS CRUCES, NEW MEXICO. THE MARIJUANA WAS CONCEALED INSIDE DUFFEL BAGS COMMINGLED WITH PRODUCE.

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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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 04/11/98

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ON APRIL 1 AT 1725 HOURS, THE PHELPS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSOURI SEIZED 114 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA, 2 GRAMS OF COCAINE, 2 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH), AND 3 DOSAGE UNITS OF LSD FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-44. THE DRIVER AND PASSENGER BOTH TUCSON, ARIZONA, RESIDENTS, WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1996 CHEVROLET CORSICA WITH ARIZONA PLATES TO TUCSON, ARIZONA, FROM INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND CONCEALED WITHIN LUGGAGE IN THE TRUNK, UNDER AND BEHIND THE BACK SEAT.

ON APRIL 2 AT 1700 HOURS, THE POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN FLORIDA SEIZED 5 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, \$10,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY AND A 9MM RUGER HANDGUN FROM A MALE DRIVING WEST ON SR-60. THE DRIVER, A WINTER HAVEN, FLORIDA, RESIDENT, WAS DRIVING HIS 1992 MITSUBISHI MONTERO WITH FLORIDA PLATES, TO WINTER HAVEN FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF TWO KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE IN THE SPARE TIRE COMPARTMENT UNDER THE REAR SEAT. THE OTHER THREE KILOGRAMS WERE FOUND IN A COMPARTMENT UNDER THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT, ALONG WITH THE WEAPON. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND IN A BRIEFCASE ON THE BACK SEAT.

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ON APRIL 4 AT 1043 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED \$119,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE DRIVING SOUTH ON US-81 IN WISE COUNTY. THE ASPEN, COLORADO, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING EN ROUTE TO TYLER, TEXAS, FROM LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, IN A RENTED 1998 OLDSMOBILE WITH NEVADA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY IN ZIPLOCK BAGS WITHIN LUGGAGE PLACED IN THE TRUNK.

ON APRIL 6 AT 1458 HOURS, THE HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSISSIPPI SEIZED 139 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA, 2 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, AND \$1,300 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MISSION, TEXAS, RESIDENT TRAVELING EAST ON I-10. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO PLANT CITY, FLORIDA, FROM MISSION IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1987 KENWORTH TRACTOR, TOWING A GREAT DANE TRAILER. BOTH VEHICLES BORE TEXAS PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND, WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE AND BEIGE TAPE, IN THE TRAILER. OIL WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

ON APRIL 7 AT 0130 HOURS, THE CHERRY HILL POLICE DEPARTMENT IN NEW JERSEY SEIZED 23 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND \$12,000 U.S. CURRENCY FROM A CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY COUPLE AND A PUERTO RICAN MALE. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING WEST ON SR-38 EN ROUTE TO CAMDEN FROM CHERRY HILL IN THEIR 1983 CHEVROLET MALIBU WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES. THE PUERTO RICAN HAD RECENTLY ARRIVED IN PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, FROM PUERTO RICO ON AMERICAN AIRLINES. HE TOOK A TAXI FROM PHILADELPHIA TO CHERRY HILL, AND RENDEZVOUSED WITH THE COUPLE FOR THE TRIP TO CAMDEN. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE WITHIN A SUITCASE LOCATED IN THE TRUNK.

ON APRIL 7 AT 0946 HOURS, THE WYOMING HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 160 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A FEMALE AND TWO CHILDREN TRAVELING EAST ON I-80 IN ALBANY COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS, BUFFALO, NEW YORK, RESIDENTS, WERE EN ROUTE TO BUFFALO FROM ST. GEORGE, UTAH. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1992 DODGE CARAVAN WITH NEW YORK PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA, IN TWO LARGE NYLON GARMENT BAGS, IN THE VAN'S CARGO AREA. THE MARIJUANA WAS PACKAGED IN 22-KILOGRAM, COMPRESSED BALES. THE BALES WERE WRAPPED IN TWO LAYERS OF SARAN WRAP, WITH COFFEE GROUNDS BETWEEN EACH OF THE LAYERS AND ENCLOSED IN BLACK PLASTIC TAPE.

ON APRIL 7 AT 1010 HOURS, THE VIRGINIA STATE POLICE SEIZED 46 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON US-13 IN ACCOMACK COUNTY. THE DRIVER AND ONE PASSENGER, BOTH PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA, RESIDENTS, AND ANOTHER PASSENGER, AN ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, RESIDENT, WERE TRAVELING IN THE ASHEVILLE PASSENGER'S 1993 MAZDA 626 WITH NORTH CAROLINA PLATES. THEY WERE EN ROUTE TO BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, FROM PORTSMOUTH. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE DRUGS IN GLASSINE BAGS, WITHIN A SOCK, INSIDE THE TOE OF ONE OF THE SUBJECT'S SHOE.

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ON APRIL 7 AT 1125 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 4.3 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A MALE DRIVING NORTH ON I-5 IN MERCED COUNTY. HE WAS EN ROUTE TO SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, FROM VENTURA, CALIFORNIA, IN HIS 1993 FORD TAURUS WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH IN THE SPARE TIRE.

ON APRIL 7 AT 1330 HOURS, THE MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 667 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, 2 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN, AND 862 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE DRIVING EAST ON I-44 IN ST LOUIS COUNTY, NEAR ST LOUIS. THE SUBJECT, AN ALICE, TEXAS, RESIDENT, WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM MCALLEN, TEXAS, IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1990 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, PULLING A REFRIGERATED TRAILER. BOTH VEHICLES HAD TEXAS PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN BOXES, COMMINGLED WITH A LOAD OF PINEAPPLES AND LIMES.

ON APRIL 7 AT 2300 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 7.2 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA. THEY WERE EN ROUTE TO NAMPA, IDAHO, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE DRIVER, A NAMPA RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER (NFI) WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1993 NISSAN SENTRA WITH IDAHO PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH IN A GUTTED, VENTILATION SYSTEM, COMPARTMENT IN THE PASSENGER'S SIDE DASHBOARD.

ON APRIL 8 AT 1530 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.5 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A MEXICAN COUPLE WITH THREE CHILDREN TRAVELING NORTH ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER AND HIS FEMALE PASSENGER, A ST. GEORGE, UTAH, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO ST. GEORGE, FROM LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1994 PONTIAC GRAND AM WITH UTAH PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THREE PACKAGES OF METH IN THE TRUNK AND ONE NEXT TO THE PASSENGER'S FOOT IN A WET DIAPER.

ON APRIL 9 AT 0830 HOURS, THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 6.8 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A SIOUX CITY, IOWA, RESIDENT TRAVELING EAST ON I-80 IN A 1981 FORD LTD WITH NEBRASKA PLATES. SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO SIOUX CITY FROM CALIFORNIA. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF SEVEN PACKAGES OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT IN THE GAS TANK.

ON APRIL 10 AT 0803 HOURS, THE BEAUMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED \$363,240 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A FEMALE, BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, RESIDENT TRAVELING WEST ON I-10 TO HOUSTON, NEW YORK, RESIDENT TRAVELING WEST ON I-10 TO HOUSTON, TEXAS FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING HER F1996 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER WITH GEORGIA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF AN ELECTRICALLY-OPERATED, HIDDEN COMPARTMENT, BETWEEN THE FLOOR AND THE VEHICLE'S FRAME, IN THE VAN'S CARGO AREA. ACCESS TO THE COMPARTMENT WAS FROM A DOOR HIDDEN BENEATH THE CARPET IN THE REAR FLOOR OF THE VAN. THE DOOR

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CONSISTED OF A PIECE OF FLOORBOARD CUT OUT AND HINGED TO THE ORIGINAL FLOORBOARD. TWO HYDRAULIC (ELECTRICAL) RODS WERE CONNECTED TO THE DOOR. THE IGNITION KEY HAD TO BE MOVED TO THE ON POSITION, THE BRAKE PEDAL DEPRESSED, AND THE REAR DEFROST BUTTON TURNED ON IN ORDER TO TRIP A RELAY WHICH OPENED THE COMPARTMENT DOOR.

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ON APRIL 10 AT 1557 HOURS, THE JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSISSIPPI SEIZED 7 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE. THE DRIVER WAS A FEMALE, HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT TRAVELING EAST ON I-10, WITH HER SON. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM HOUSTON. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1993 FORD CROWN VICTORIA WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 12 PACKAGES, INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED WITH GRAY DUCT TAPE, INSIDE A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT BUILT INTO THE SPARE TIRE AREA OF THE TRUNK. THE ACCESS DOOR TO THE COMPARTMENT WAS LOCATED IN THE DRIVER'S SIDE REAR FENDER WALL. LIQUID DEODORIZER WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT INSIDE THE PACKAGES. THE PACKAGES WERE MARKED WITH X'S AND O'S.

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ON APRIL 2, AT 2030 HOURS, THE POLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED 136 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$1,700 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE DRIVING EAST ON US-59 IN A RENTED 1998 FORD TAURUS BEARING TEXAS PLATES. THE HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, FROM ALABAMA. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN FOUR, COMBINATION LOCKED, DUFFEL BAGS IN THE TRUNK.

ON APRIL 5, AT 0945 HOURS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 116 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN MALE DRIVING EAST ON I-70 IN THOMAS COUNTY. THE EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1985 CHEVROLET BEARING TENNESSEE PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT BETWEEN THE FRAME AND THE DRIVER'S SIDE FUEL TANK. ACCESS TO THE COMPARTMENT WAS ATTAINED BY LIFTING THE TRUCK BED LINER AND OPENING A HINGED DOOR IN THE TRUCK'S BED.

ON APRIL 6, THE STARK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN OHIO SEIZED 15 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM THREE CUBAN MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-77. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CANTON, OHIO, FROM MIAMI, IN A DODGE CARAVAN BEARING FLORIDA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, OFFICERS FOUND FIFTEEN PACKAGES WRAPPED WITH GRAY DUCT TAPE AND COVERED WITH MOTOR OIL. EACH PACKAGE WAS MARKED WITH A PICTURE OF A HORSE.

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ON APRIL 6. AT 1100 HOURS, THE OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 16 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-75 IN ALLEN COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS, BOTH DALLAS, TEXAS, RESIDENTS, WERE EN ROUTE TO TOLEDO, OHIO, IN A RENTED 1998 DODGE BEARING TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF SIXTEEN, DUCT-TAPED, AND PLASTIC-WRAPPED, PACKAGES HIDDEN UNDER THE REAR SEAT.

ON APRIL 6. AT 1145 HOURS, THE COFFEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TENNESSEE SEIZED 125 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$1,450 U.S. CURRENCY FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EAST ON I-24. THE MALE DRIVER, A SAN LUIS, MEXICO, RESIDENT, AND HIS FEMALE PASSENGER, A TUCSON, ARIZONA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO DE LAND, FLORIDA, FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA, IN A 1993 CHEVROLET BEARING FLORIDA PLATES TOWING A CARHAULER. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO THE CARHAULER, OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA IN A STAMPED STEEL 6' X 6' BOX ATTACHED TO ITS FRAME. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN A SHAVING CREAM CAN WITHIN LUGGAGE IN THE VEHICLE. THE DRIVER HAD BEEN SPECIFICALLY TOLD TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ROUTE: I-40 TO NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, FROM ARIZONA, THEN I-24 FROM NASHVILLE, POSSIBLY TO CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE. HE WAS TOLD TO AVOID I-10, I-20, AND I-30 DUE TO HEAVY LAW ENFORCEMENT PRESENCE.

ON APRIL 7, AT 1500 HOURS, THE INGLEWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT IN CALIFORNIA SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF HEROIN AND 2 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES, TRAVELING IN TANDEM, NORTH ON IMPERIAL HIGHWAY. THE LOAD VEHICLE WAS A TOYOTA CAMRY, WITH NO PLATES DISPLAYED, DRIVEN BY AN INGLEWOOD RESIDENT. THE ESCORT VEHICLE WAS A 1989 CHEVROLET BLAZER BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. BOTH VEHICLE OWNERS WERE PRESENT. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND, IN THE PASSENGER SIDE AIRBAG COMPARTMENT OF THE CAMRY, WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC.

ON APRIL 10, AT 0625 HOURS, THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE SEIZED 732 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS, BOTH ORLANDO, FLORIDA, RESIDENTS, WERE EN ROUTE TO EVERETT, MASSACHUSETTS, FROM TEXAS, IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1996 KENWORTH TRACTOR, TOWING A GREAT DANE REFRIGERATED SEMI-TRAILER. BOTH TRACTOR AND TRAILER BORE TEXAS PLATES. DURING AN INSPECTION AT A LICENSE AND WEIGHT STATION, OFFICERS FOUND 109 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA IN TWENTY-FOUR CARDBOARD BOXES IN THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER CONCEALED BEHIND 40,000 POUNDS OF WATERMELONS.

ON APRIL 13, AT 0930 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 164 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE DRIVING EAST ON I-20 IN WEBSTER PARISH. THE LINDENWOLD, NEW JERSEY, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, IN A RENTED 1997 OLDSMOBILE 68 BEARING GEORGIA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA IN FIFTEEN DUFFEL BAGS WITHIN THE TRUNK.

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ON APRIL 13, AT 1440 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED 132 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE DRIVING EAST ON I-80 IN LA SALLE COUNTY. THE BENSON, ARIZONA, RESIDENT, WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM RED BLUFF, ARIZONA, IN HIS 1992 FORD CROWN VICTORIA BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE OFFICERS FINDING THE CONTRABAND BUNDLED IN CONTACT PAPER, WITHIN THE TRUNK.

ON APRIL 14, AT 1100 HOURS, THE LOWNDES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA SEIZED \$120,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE AND HIS TWO CHILDREN TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-75. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENT, WAS EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FROM ATLANTA, IN HIS 1997 MITSUBISHI MONTERO BEARING FLORIDA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH AND A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED OFFICERS TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN LUGGAGE CARRIED THROUGHOUT THE VEHICLE.

ON APRIL 14, AT 1800 HOURS, THE BRADLEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TENNESSEE SEIZED 50 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE DRIVING NORTH ON I-75. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO QUEBEC, CANADA, FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1993 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, TOWING A SEMI-TRAILER, BOTH BEARING QUEBEC PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE UNDER THE BED IN THE SLEEPER AREA.

ON APRIL 15, AT 2030 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 23 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING WEST ON SR-60 IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE OBREGON, SONORA, MEXICO, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, FROM MEXICO, IN A 1997 CHEVROLET PICKUP BEARING MEXICAN PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND BEHIND A FALSE METAL WALL AT THE BACK OF THE PASSENGER COMPARTMENT.

ON APRIL 16, AT 1214 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 254 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE DRIVING NORTH ON I-55 IN TANGIPAHOA PARISH. THE MARIETTA, GEORGIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM DALLAS, TEXAS, IN A 1991 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, TOWING A 1987 UTILITY TRAILER. BOTH TRACTOR AND TRAILER BORE GEORGIA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND IN CARDBOARD BOXES COMMINGLED WITH THE LOAD.

ON APRIL 17, AT 0100 HOURS, THE ST. TAMMANY PARISH SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN LOUISIANA SEIZED 118 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE DRIVING EAST ON I-12. THE SPRING, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A RENTED 1997 LINCOLN TOWNCAR BEARING TEXAS PLATES (QFI).

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ON APRIL 17, AT 0900 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 452 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING, IN THREE VEHICLES, EAST ON I-8 IN IMPERIAL COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA, FROM WINTERHAVEN, CALIFORNIA. ONE OF THE LOAD VEHICLES, A 1985 CHEVROLET CAPRICE BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES, WAS DRIVEN BY A YUMA, ARIZONA, RESIDENT. A WINTERHAVEN RESIDENT WAS DRIVING THE SECOND LOAD VEHICLE, A 1989 CHEVROLET 3500 PICKUP TRUCK BEARING ARIZONA PLATES. THE ESCORT VEHICLE, A 1979 FORD F350 PICKUP TRUCK, ALSO BEARING ARIZONA PLATES, WAS DRIVEN BY ANOTHER WINTERHAVEN RESIDENT. THERE WERE NO VEHICLE OWNERS PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 116 PACKAGES IN THE TRUNK OF THE CHEVROLET CAPRICE AND 162 PACKAGES IN THE EXTENDED CAB, CARGO AREA, OF THE CHEVROLET 3500 PICKUP. ALL THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN FERTILIZER BAGS. 2

ON APRIL 17, AT 2030 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$500,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-15 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE IN THE DRIVER'S 1987 TOYOTA PICKUP BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. DURING A SEARCH, A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO THE TRUCK BED WALLS WHERE OFFICERS FOUND THE CURRENCY.

ON APRIL 18, AT 1845 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED \$192,539 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM AN EDINBURG, TEXAS, RESIDENT, TRAVELING SOUTH ON US-59, IN VICTORIA COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO EDINBURG FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS, IN HIS 1998 FORD MUSTANG BEARING TEXAS DEALER PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY INSIDE BOTH REAR QUARTER PANELS.

ON APRIL 18, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$114,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MEXICAN MALE DRIVING WEST ON I-70 IN ELLSWORTH COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES FROM ILLINOIS, IN A 1988 CHEVROLET BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY, WRAPPED IN PLASTIC, WITHIN THE GAS TANK.

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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ON MARCH 25 AT 1821 HOURS, THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN NORTH CAROLINA SEIZED \$168,472 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95. THE HIALEAH, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HIALEAH FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A RENTED 1998 FORD TAURUS WITH FLORIDA PLATES. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND, IN FIVE VACUUM-SEALED BAGS WITHIN A GYM BAG, IN THE TRUNK.

ON MARCH 25 AT 1325 HOURS, THE NEBRASKA STATE POLICE SEIZED 103 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA (MJ) FROM TWO FEMALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-80 IN DOUGLAS COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A VAN, BEARING NEW MEXICO PLATES, EN ROUTE TO ILLINOIS. OFFICERS SEIZED THE CONTRABAND CONCEALED, IN THE VAN'S CEILING.

ON MARCH 26 AT 2300 HOURS, THE BRYAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA SEIZED \$216,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FROM AUGUSTA, GEORGIA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING HIS 1994 HONDA ACCORD WITH FLORIDA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND A WHITE TOTE BAG, CONTAINING THE CURRENCY, ON THE BACKSEAT OF THE VEHICLE.

ON MARCH 28 AT 1600 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 7 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-35 IN KAY COUNTY. THE ZILLAH, WASHINGTON, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, FROM SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1989 NISSAN SENTRA WITH WASHINGTON PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED], OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
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PRESENT. THE METH WAS FOUND, WRAPPED IN SEVEN PLASTIC CYLINDERS, HIDDEN WITHIN THE GAS TANK.

ON MARCH 30 AT 1609 HOURS, THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 908 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE IN BERGEN COUNTY. THE RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO RALEIGH FROM BROOKLYN, NEW YORK. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE PASSENGER'S 1990 MAZDA 929 WITH NORTH CAROLINA PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE UNDER THE FRONT SEAT, WRAPPED IN BROWN TAPE.

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ON APRIL 1 AT 1715 HOURS, THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 3 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EAST ON I-76 IN SEVIER COUNTY. THE BELL GARDENS, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO DENVER, COLORADO, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1997 CHEVROLET S-10 PICKUP BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE METH HIDDEN WITHIN A DOOR PANEL OF THE VEHICLE.

ON APRIL 1 AT 1329 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED \$183,882 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MEXICAN MALE AND A FEMALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-80 IN LASALLE COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS, BOTH HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON FROM AURORA, ILLINOIS. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1989 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY INSIDE THE REAR WHEEL FENDER WELL.

ON APRIL 1, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 39 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING NEAR SAN MANUEL IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE CORPUS CHRISTI, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A CHEVROLET SUBURBAN WITH TEMPORARY TEXAS PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 35 BRICKS OF COCAINE IN THE GAS TANK. THE COCAINE WAS WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC, BLACK TAPE AND COATED WITH A TAR-LIKE SUBSTANCE.

ON APRIL 2 AT 1715 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 10 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN KERN COUNTY. THE SALINAS, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SALINAS FROM TIJUANA, MEXICO. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1990 TOYOTA COROLLA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE IN A FALSE FLOORBOARD COMPARTMENT.

ON APRIL 02 AT 2030 HOURS, THE DEMING POLICE DEPARTMENT IN NEW MEXICO SEIZED 106 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON SPRUCE ROAD. THE DEMING RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1988 MAZDA TRUCK WITH NEW MEXICO PLATES. THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND IN THE TRUCK'S BED, WITHIN A DUFFEL BAG, WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC AND DUCT TAPE.

ON APRIL 2, THE WASHINGTON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN UTAH SEIZED 6 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-15. THE DRIVER, AN EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGERS, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, RESIDENTS, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1986 NISSAN 200SX WITH UTAH PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE METH WAS DISCOVERED, INSIDE A BOX OF LAUNDRY DETERGENT, ON THE FLOOR OF THE VEHICLE.

ON APRIL 3 AT 1100 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 200 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING NORTH ON US-287 IN WILL BARGER COUNTY. THE FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, FROM DALLAS, TEXAS. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1991 FORD BRONCO, PULLING A TRAILER CARRYING A SPEED BOAT, BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 200 BRICKS OF COCAINE IN THE FRONT OF THE BOAT. THE BRICKS WERE SMEARED WITH AN OILY SUBSTANCE AND HAD THE LETTER "M" ON THEM.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 03/28/98

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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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

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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.

ON MARCH 19 AT 1800 HOURS, THE HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED 125 GRAMS OF MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN FROM TWO MALES, ONE A MEXICAN NATIONAL, TRAVELING EAST ON HIGHWAY 107. THE DRIVER, A MISSION, TEXAS, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER WERE TRAVELING IN A 1991 TOYOTA WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. THE HEROIN HAD BEEN THROWN OUT OF THE VEHICLE PRIOR TO BEING STOPPED BY THE OFFICERS. THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND WRAPPED IN BROWN TAPE.

ON MARCH 20 AT 2345 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 159 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES AND A FEMALE, TRAVELING WITH A CHILD, GOING NORTH ON I-35 IN OKLAHOMA COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGERS WERE TRAVELING IN THE PASSENGER'S 1989 GMC VAN WITH MINNESOTA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF NINE BLOCKS OF MARIJUANA WRAPPED IN BLACK TRASH BAGS.

ON MARCH 22 AT 1400 HOURS, THE PHILADELPHIA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN PENNSYLVANIA SEIZED 206 GRAMS OF HEROIN, 2 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, AND \$1,132 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A DOMINICAN MALE AND A PUERTO RICAN MALE. THE DRIVER, A PHILADELPHIA RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A READING, PENNSYLVANIA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO READING FROM PHILADELPHIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1998 FORD TAURUS WITH PENNSYLVANIA PLATES. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND INSIDE A BAG LOCATED ON THE FLOOR OF THE VEHICLE. THERE WERE TWO BRICKS OF COCAINE, ONE BRICK HAD THE MARKING OF A RED HEART WITH THE NUMBER "40" BENEATH IT. BELOW THE NUMBER "40" THE LETTERS "PRO FLO PIPES" AND "NOLEEN" WERE WRITTEN IN GREEN INK. THE OTHER BRICK HAD THE NUMBER "1021" INSIDE A RED CIRCLE WITH THE NUMBER "44" AND "PRO FLO PIPES NOLEEN" WRITTEN BELOW. THE HEROIN WAS IN GLASSINE PACKETS WITH THE MARKING OF ANIMAL HORNS STAMPED IN BLUE INK. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND ON ONE OF THE SUBJECTS.

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ON MARCH 23 AT 1445 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 20 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING WEST ON SR-60 IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE NUEVA MEXICALI, MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, FROM MEXICALI. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1985 FORD PICKUP WITH MEXICO PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND FIFTEEN PACKAGES OF COCAINE, WITHIN THE SPARE TIRE, UNDER THE BED OF THE PICKUP.

ON MARCH 23 AT 1225 HOURS, THE KIRKWOOD POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MISSOURI SEIZED 100 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-44 IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A NORWALK, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, AN ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 DODGE INTREPID BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE DRUGS WITHIN THE TRUNK WRAPPED IN DUCT TAPE.

ON MARCH 23 AT 1630 HOURS, THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$360,900 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-44 IN GREEN COUNTY. THE MCALLEN, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MCALLEN FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1996 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER WITH ILLINOIS PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CURRENCY IN THE SIDE PANELS OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE CURRENCY.

ON MARCH 25 AT 1242 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 6 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A DOMINICAN MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-20 IN WEBSTER PARISH. THE BRONX, NEW YORK, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO BRONX, NEW YORK, FROM DALLAS, TEXAS. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1993 TOYOTA CAMRY WITH NEW YORK PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE IN THE VEHICLE'S BUMPER.

ON MARCH 25 AT 1302 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 11 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON US-101 IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA, FROM LOS ANGELES. THE SUBJECT WAS IN A 1990 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENT TO SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF NINE DUCT TAPED PACKAGES OF COCAINE IN THE REAR QUARTER PANELS OF THE VEHICLE.

ON MARCH 25 AT 1308 HOURS, THE COLORADO STATE PATROL SEIZED 21 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-70 IN GARFIELD COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A SIOUX CITY, IOWA, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO SIOUX CITY, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1989 MAZDA 929 WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 21 PACKAGES OF METH, IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, UNDER THE DRIVER AND PASSENGER SEATS. THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE.

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ON MARCH 25 AT 1000 HOURS, THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 3 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-15 NEAR NEPHI. THE DRIVER, A BENTON CITY, WASHINGTON, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A PROSSER, WASHINGTON, RESIDENT, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1987 NISSAN MAXIMA WITH ARIZONA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND SIX PACKAGES OF METH BEHIND THE BACK SEAT. THE PACKAGES WERE IN ZIPLOCK BAGGIES WRAPPED WITHIN CELLOPHANE.

ON MARCH 25 AT 0130 HOURS, THE COOKE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED 181 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TWO FEMALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-35. THE DRIVER, A CALUMET CITY, ILLINOIS, RESIDENT, AND HER PASSENGER, A CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, FROM DESOTO, TEXAS. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1989 JEEP CHEROKEE WITH MISSOURI PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE WITHIN SUITCASES LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE VEHICLE.

ON MARCH 25 AT 1300 HOURS, THE LA JOYA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 156 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING WEST ON US-83. THE DRIVER, A MISSION, TEXAS, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER WERE TRAVELING IN A FORD PICKUP TRUCK WITH TEXAS PLATES PULLING A HORSE TRAILER. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND 16 MARIJUANA BUNDLES WITHIN A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT IN THE FRONT OF THE TRAILER.

ON MARCH 26 AT 0620 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 7.5 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-10 IN ST. MARTIN PARISH. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM HOUSTON. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1993 FORD TAURUS WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE IN THE VEHICLE'S ROCKER PANELS.

ON MARCH 26 AT 1109 HOURS, THE MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSISSIPPI SEIZED 227 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-55. THE DECATUR, GEORGIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, FROM TEXAS. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1990 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH GEORGIA PLATES. THE DRUGS WERE FOUND IN GARBAGE BAGS WITHIN THE SLEEPER AREA OF THE TRACTOR.

ON MARCH 26, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$160,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-5 IN FRESNO COUNTY. THE SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, FROM SAN JOSE. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1994 HONDA PASSPORT WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND IN A DUFFEL BAG WITHIN THE CARGO AREA OF THE VEHICLE.

ON MARCH 27 AT 1150 HOURS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 217 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-70 IN THOMAS COUNTY. THE HENDERSON, NEVADA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK FROM HENDERSON. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A RENTED 1994 FORD TRUCK BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN BOXES WITHIN THE CARGO AREA OF THE TRUCK.

ON MARCH 27 AT 2130 HOURS, THE HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED 103 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A COLOMBIAN MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-45. THE SUBJECT, A HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1982 OLDSMOBILE WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE WAS COMPANY-OWNED. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 12 PACKAGES OF COCAINE IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE PACKAGES WERE STAMPED WITH A PICTURE OF A RED ROADRUNNER.

ON MARCH 28 AT 0827 HOURS, THE COLORADO STATE PATROL SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-70 IN GARFIELD COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO FT. MORGAN, COLORADO, FROM LOS ANGELES. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1996 DODGE NEON WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH IN THE LEFT REAR QUARTER PANEL OF THE VEHICLE WRAPPED IN DUCT TAPE AND SARAN WRAP.

ON MARCH 28 AT 2020 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 148 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES AND A FEMALE, WITH TWO CHILDREN, TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN BECKHAM COUNTY. THE DRIVER AND THE FEMALE PASSENGER, BOTH RESIDENTS OF ROCKAWAY, NEW YORK, AND THE MALE PASSENGER, RESIDENT OF NORFOLK, VIRGINIA, WERE IN A 1994 DODGE VAN WITH FICTITIOUS NEW YORK PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE DRUGS, IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, IN THE VAN'S FLOORBOARD.

CORRECTION:

IT WAS INCORRECTLY REPORTED LAST WEEK, THAT ON MARCH 17, 1998, THE HIDALGO COUNTY DEPUTY CONSTABLE IN TEXAS, SEIZED 125 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA. THE CORRECT AMOUNT SEIZED WAS 1,250 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
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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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

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.

ON FEBRUARY 23 AT 1740 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED \$190,065 OF U.S. CURRENCY FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING SOUTH ON US-59 IN JACKSON COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE SUBJECTS, BOTH BROWNSVILLE RESIDENTS, WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1998 TOYOTA CAMRY WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND ON BOTH SUBJECTS.

ON MARCH 03 AT 1450 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS, BOTH POMONA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, FROM POMONA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1990 CHEVROLET LUMINA BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE METH HIDDEN IN THE REAR QUARTER PANELS OF THE VEHICLE.

ON MARCH 03 AT 1650 HOURS, THE ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN GEORGIA SEIZED 40 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING IN FULTON COUNTY. THE ALPHARETTA, GEORGIA, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1995 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS WITH GEORGIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE REVEALED 9 PACKAGES OF COCAINE IN A BAG LOCATED ON THE SEAT OF THE VEHICLE. THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN PINK CELLOPHANE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

ON MARCH 09 AT 1545, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 533 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON STATE ROUTE 85 NORTH OF GILA BEND. THE NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, FROM ORGAN PIPE NATIONAL PARK, ARIZONA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1995 TIOGA MOTORHOME WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH AND DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT RESULTED IN FINDING THE CONTRABAND IN 45-KILOGRAM CLOTH SACKS THROUGHOUT THE

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ON MARCH 10 AT 1125 HOURS, THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 335 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM A DOMINICAN MALE AND A PUERTO RICAN MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95 IN MIDDLESEX COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A BRONX, NEW YORK, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A WOODSOCKET, RHODE ISLAND, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, FROM WASHINGTON HEIGHTS, NEW YORK. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1990 HONDA ACCORD WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE HEROIN IN A JACKET ON THE REAR SEAT OF THE VEHICLE.

ON MARCH 10 AT 1935 HOURS, THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MISSOURI SEIZED 30 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND \$1,400 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-44 IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM EL PASO, TEXAS. THE DRIVER, A CLINT, TEXAS, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, AN EL PASO, TEXAS, RESIDENT, WERE TRAVELING IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1983 KENWORTH TRACTOR, PULLING A 1980 UTILITY TRAILER BOTH BEARING TEXAS PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND PACKAGES OF COCAINE WRAPPED IN DUCT TAPE, WITH THE MARKING OF "100%" STAMPED ON THEM, WITHIN A DUFFEL BAG.

ON MARCH 15 AT 1140 HOURS, THE PHELPS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSOURI SEIZED 119 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-44. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO COLUMBUS, OHIO, FROM HOUSTON IN HER 1992 FORD EXPLORER BEARING IOWA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND SIX BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WITHIN DUFFEL BAGS LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA.

ON MARCH 15 AT 1500 HOURS, THE TOLEDO POLICE DEPARTMENT IN OHIO SEIZED 17 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING EAST IN LUCAS COUNTY. THE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO TOLEDO, OHIO, FROM CHICAGO. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A LEASED 1989 CADILLAC EL DORADO WITH ILLINOIS PLATES. AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF SEVENTEEN PACKAGES OF COCAINE HIDDEN IN THE REAR QUARTER PANEL OF THE VEHICLE. FIFTEEN OF THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN BLACK CELLOPHANE AND TWO IN RED. THE PACKAGES WERE SMEARED WITH GREASE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE CONTRABAND.

ON MARCH 15 AT 1215 HOURS, THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.3 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-70 IN SEVIER COUNTY. THE SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1995 DODGE STRATUS WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES, EN ROUTE TO DENVER, COLORADO, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE METH WAS FOUND IN THE VEHICLE'S MODIFIED REAR BUMPER.

ON MARCH 15 AT 1545 HOURS, THE RANKIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSISSIPPI SEIZED 2,152 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-20. THE CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING HIS 1989 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH GEORGIA PLATES, PULLING A GREAT DANE BOX TRAILER WITH TEXAS PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND IN CARDBOARD BOXES, LOCATED IN THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER, WITH A COMMODITY OF TOILET PAPER. THERE WERE TWO OTHER SEIZURES INVOLVING TOILET PAPER AS A COMMODITY: ON JUNE 03, 1996 THE KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF MOTOR VEHICLE ENFORCEMENT SEIZED \$968,060 IN U.S. CURRENCY; AND ON MARCH 29, 1997, THE NEW MEXICO MOTOR TRANSPORT DIVISION SEIZED 217 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA.

ON MARCH 17 AT 0115 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A MALE AND A MEXICAN FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, AN IMPERIAL BEACH, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, FROM SAN DIEGO. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1985 CHEVROLET BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. A CONSENT TO SEARCH WAS OBTAINED. FOUR BUNDLES OF METH WERE FOUND WRAPPED IN TIN FOIL, GREASE AND A ZIP LOCK BAG, HIDDEN WITHIN A PLASTIC COVER LOCATED ON THE HATCHBACK.

ON MARCH 17 AT 2255 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 28 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MEXICAN COUPLE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS, BOTH BELL, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, FROM BELL. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1996 NISSAN ALTIMA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OFFICERS FOUND 25 PACKAGES OF COCAINE HIDDEN IN THE PASSENGER SIDE AIRBAG COMPARTMENT. BLACK PEPPER WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

ON MARCH 17 AT 2300 HOURS, A HIDALGO COUNTY DEPUTY CONSTABLE IN TEXAS SEIZED 125 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON US-281 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO FORT WORTH, TEXAS, FROM WESLACO, TEXAS. THE PLAINVIEW, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A COMPANY-OWNED 1989 PETERBILT TRACTOR WITH TEXAS PLATES PULLING A TRAILER WITH OKLAHOMA PLATES. THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND IN THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER UNDER EMPTY PALLETS. A LEGITIMATE CARGO OF CUCUMBERS WAS UTILIZED AS A COVER LOAD.

ON MARCH 17 AT 1924 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 768 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH IN MCALLEN, TX. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING FROM ABRAM, HIDALGO COUNTY, TEXAS, IN A 1992 GMC PICKUP WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A VEHICLE PURSUIT ENSUED SUBSEQUENT TO THE OFFICER'S ATTEMPT TO MAKE THE TRAFFIC STOP. AFTER THE VEHICLE WAS STOPPED, THE SUBJECT FLED ON FOOT BUT WAS LATER APPREHENDED. A SEARCH OF THE TRUCK REVEALED THE CONTRABAND UNDER THE BED COVER AND IN THE EXTENDED CAB AREA OF THE VEHICLE. THE PACKAGES WERE MARKED WITH A PICTURE OF A ZEBRA, GIRAFFE, AND A JAGUAR. AN ADDITIONAL BAG OF COCAINE WAS RECOVERED, BY OFFICERS, SEVERAL HOURS LATER AFTER RETRACING THE ROUTE OF THE PURSUIT. THE BAG HAD FALLEN, FROM THE BED OF THE PICKUP, AFTER A WIDE TURN HAD BEEN EXECUTED BY THE FLEEING VEHICLE.

ON MARCH 17 AT 2325 HOURS, THE FLORIDA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 11 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-95 IN VOLUSIA COUNTY. THE CLEVELAND, OHIO, RESIDENT WAS IN HIS 1991 CHEVROLET LUMINA WITH WEST VIRGINIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO CLEVELAND. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND A CARDBOARD BOX CONTAINING COCAINE, IN THE TRUNK.

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ON MARCH 17 AT 1434 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 127 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-20 IN WEBSTER COUNTY. THE LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LAWRENCEVILLE FROM MEXICO. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1986 FORD VAN WITH NO PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE DRUGS LOCATED IN THE VAN'S CARGO AREA. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED. 7/

ON MARCH 18 AT 0130 HOURS, THE KANSAS CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MISSOURI SEIZED 329 GRAMS OF BLACK TAR HEROIN AND 36 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN COUPLE TRAVELING EAST IN WYANDOTTE COUNTY. THE EL CAJON, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO KANSAS CITY, KANSAS, FROM DENVER, COLORADO. THE SUBJECTS FLEW FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, TO DENVER, VIA PRIVATE PLANE, THEN RENTED A 1997 CHEVROLET BLAZER FOR THE TRIP TO KANSAS CITY. THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND IN SUITCASES CONCEALED IN THE CARGO AREA.

ON MARCH 18 AT 0228 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM TWO MALES, ONE A MEXICAN NATIONAL, TRAVELING NORTH ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER A PICO RIVERA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO DES MOINES, IOWA, FROM WHITTIER. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE PASSENGER'S 1989 TOYOTA COROLLA WITH IOWA PLATES. THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND IN A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT WITHIN THE DASHBOARD.

ON MARCH 18 AT 0615 HOURS, THE LA JOLLA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 666 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON US-83 IN STARR COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1991 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN WITH TEXAS PLATES, EN ROUTE TO MCALLEN, TEXAS, FROM LA GRULLA, TEXAS. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AN INVENTORY OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF 88 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA.

ON MARCH 18 AT 0816 HOURS THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS OF METH AND \$1,178 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A GALT, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO SALEM, OREGON, FROM GALT IN A 1986 CADILLAC BEARING OREGON PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND FIVE PACKAGES OF METH UNDER THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT OF THE VEHICLE. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND ON THE DRIVER'S PERSON.

ON MARCH 18 AT 1325 HOURS, THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MISSOURI SEIZED 1 KILOGRAM OF MEXICAN BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-44. THE OXNARD, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO GARY, INDIANA, FROM OXNARD. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1989 MERCURY SABLE WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND FOUR BUNDLES OF HEROIN HIDDEN IN THE RIGHT, REAR, QUARTER PANEL OF THE VEHICLE. THE DRUGS WERE WRAPPED IN CLEAR CELLOPHANE AND THEN WRAPPED IN NUMEROUS LAYERS OF BLACK ELECTRICAL TAPE. AIR FRESHENER WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

ON MARCH 18 AT 1435 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 34 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN FRESNO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A POMONA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN FRANCISCO FROM POMONA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1992 NISSAN SENTRA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN DISCOVERING THE COCAINE BEHIND THE REAR SEAT OF THE VEHICLE.

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ON FEBRUARY 19 AT 0530 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 7 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN SHASTA COUNTY. THE PORTLAND, OREGON, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO PORTLAND FROM SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1988 MAZDA WITH OREGON PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND HIDDEN IN THE LEFT INTERIOR PANEL OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

ON FEBRUARY 23 THE HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS, SEIZED 299 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON THE SOUTHWEST FREEWAY IN HARRIS COUNTY. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1989 FORD VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE INSIDE PLASTIC BAGS. ON FEBRUARY 25 AT 2254 HOURS, THE ZAVALA COUNTY MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING EAST ON US-57. THE MEXICAN RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A CHEVROLET BLAZER EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, FROM MEXICO. OFFICERS FOUND THE DRUGS, HIDDEN BEHIND THE BACK SEAT OF THE BLAZER, WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC.

ON MARCH 03, THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 16 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-12 IN ST. TAMMANY PARISH. THE ROCKAWAY, NEW JERSEY, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NEW JERSEY FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A COMPANY-OWNED 1995 FORD PICKUP WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE IN THE REAR GAS TANK.

ON MARCH 05, THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 8 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A COLOMBIAN MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-44 IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY. THE HOLLYWOOD, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE SUBJECT WAS IN HIS 1997 NISSAN STANZA WITH KENTUCKY PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF EIGHT, ONE KILOGRAM, PACKAGES OF COCAINE IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT.

ON MARCH 05 AT 2030 HOURS, THE HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 755 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON A RESIDENTIAL STREET IN HOUSTON. THE DEQUEEN, ARKANSAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A RENTAL TRUCK WITH TEXAS PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND 108 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA, WITHIN 37 BOXES IN THE BACK OF THE VAN, WRAPPED IN CLEAR CELLOPHANE.

ON MARCH 05 AT 1700 HOURS, THE MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 141 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST IN NEWTON COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO OMAHA, NEBRASKA, FROM EL PASO, TEXAS. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A COMPANY-OWNED 1995 FREIGHTLINER, PULLING A 1991 STARK TRAILER; BOTH BEARING TEXAS PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND 103 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA BENEATH THE BED IN THE SLEEPER.

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ON MARCH 05 AT 1849 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 13 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE DRIVER AND HIS PASSENGERS, A DETROIT, MICHIGAN, RESIDENT, AND A WOODLAND HILLS, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO TRAVELING IN A 1997 DODGE INTREPID RENTAL WITH MICHIGAN PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF COCAINE WITHIN A BAG IN THE TRUNK.

ON MARCH 06 AT 1646 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$450,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON STATE ROUTE 86 IN IMPERIAL COUNTY. THE CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CALEXICO FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING HIS 1996 CHEVROLET CAVALIER WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN DISCOVERING THE CURRENCY IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE VEHICLE'S FLOORBOARD.

ON MARCH 07 AT 1640 HOURS, THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 4 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-80 IN WASHOE COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER WERE EN ROUTE TO RENO, NEVADA, FROM STOCKTON. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1989 NISSAN SENTRA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND TEN PACKAGES OF METH BEHIND THE DECORATIVE PANEL IN THE REAR PASSENGER ARMREST AREA. SEVEN OF THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN RED CELLOPHANE AND THREE IN GREEN CELLOPHANE.

ON MARCH 08 AT 0940 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$896,700 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MEXICAN COUPLE AND A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE COUPLE, BOTH RESIDENTS OF LA PUENTE, CALIFORNIA, AND THE PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA, WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN LUIS, MEXICO, FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1993 CHEVROLET BLAZER WITH ILLINOIS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY HIDDEN IN THE REAR SIDE PANELS.

ON MARCH 10 AT 1830 HOURS, THE HOUSTON POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 150 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING ON I-10 IN HARRIS COUNTY. THE WEBSTER, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1991 FORD ESCORT STATIONWAGON WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND WRAPPED IN DUCT TAPE AND

ON MARCH 10 AT 0013 HOURS, THE NEVADA STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$134,130 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-15 IN CLARK COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A DELANO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, FROM CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE DRIVING A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1995 DODGE INTREPID WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE CURRENCY WAS CONCEALED IN THE PASSENGER AIR BAG COMPARTMENT WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC AND SEVERAL ITEMS OF CLOTHING. CURRENCY WAS ALSO FOUND IN A BACK SUPPORT MODIFIED TO BE A MONEY BELT. AIR FRESHENER WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

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ON MARCH 10 AT 0633 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 754 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-10 IN ST. MARTIN PARISH. THE BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE FROM EL PASO, TEXAS, TO WASHINGTON, DC, AND WAS ESCORTED BY A HOUSTON, TEXAS, MALE RESIDENT DRIVING A CHEVROLET MALIBU RENTAL WITH TEXAS PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND THROUGHOUT THE LOAD VEHICLE, A 1984 FORD MOTORHOME WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT.

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ON MARCH 11 AT 0303 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 6 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND \$3,500 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A COUPLE, AND AN INFANT, TRAVELING NORTH ON I-35 IN OKLAHOMA COUNTY. THE CLINT, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO WICHITA, KANSAS, FROM CLINT. THEY WERE TRAVELING IN A 1997 DODGE PICKUP WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE TROOPER UTILIZED AN OPTISCOPE TO LOOK INTO THE QUARTER PANEL AND OBSERVED FIVE BUNDLES OF COCAINE WRAPPED IN TRASH BAGS.

ON MARCH 11 AT 0812 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED 204 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$1,370 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-80 IN HENRY COUNTY. THE WINFIELD, ILLINOIS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM CATHEDRAL CITY, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1994 GMC RENTAL VAN WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND, CONTAINED WITHIN CARDBOARD BOXES, IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE VAN.

SEIZED 454 GRAMS OF MEXICAN BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING WEST ON I-580 IN ALAMEDA COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF MEXICO, WERE EN ROUTE TO REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA, FROM SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1990 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A CONSENSUAL SEARCH WAS OBTAINED, A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO THE DASHBOARD WHERE THE HEROIN WAS FOUND.

ON MARCH 12 AT 0928 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 3 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE ESPINDLE, KANSAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS, FROM BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING HIS 1991 NISSAN STANZA WITH ARKANSAS PLATES. THE METH WAS FOUND HIDDEN, IN A NATURAL DASHBOARD VOID, BEHIND AND ABOVE THE GLOVE BOX.

ON MARCH 12 AT 1040 HOURS, THE PINA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN ARIZONA SEIZED 213 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-10. THE NORCO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS COMING FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA, DRIVING A 1988 FORD XLT FLATBED TRUCK WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE SUBJECT WAS HAULING ONE AUTOMOBILE ON THE TRUCK'S FLATBED AND TOWING A SECOND AUTOMOBILE. THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND IN THE TRUNKS OF THE TWO AUTOMOBILES.

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ON MARCH 13 AT 2323 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 139 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON US-83 IN WEBB COUNTY. THE NUEVO LAREDO, TAMAUlipAS, MEXICO, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LAREDO, TEXAS, FROM MEXICO. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1986 MERCURY WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

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ON MARCH 13 AT 1400 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING WEST ON STATE ROUTE 152 IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THE SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SAN JOSE FROM RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING HIS 1991 ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT ON A BACKPACK IN THE TRUNK, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH INSIDE A CASSETTE CASE WITHIN THE BACKPACK.

ON MARCH 13 AT 1150 HOURS, THE VIRGINIA STATE POLICE SEIZED 962 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-81 IN WYTHE COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A NEW YORK RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, AN INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO MAMARONECK, NEW YORK, FROM EDINBURG, TEXAS. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1990 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR WITH TEXAS PLATES PULLING A GREAT DANE TRAILER BEARING MICHIGAN PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA IN FOURTEEN SUITCASES, HIDDEN WITHIN A LOAD OF MANGOS, IN THE TRAILER.

ON MARCH 13 AT 2050 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 124 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-10 IN EL PASO COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, FROM EL PASO, TEXAS. THE EL PASO, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1989 CHEVROLET PICKUP WITH TEXAS PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND FIVE DUFFEL BAGS CONTAINING BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA, WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC, LOCATED IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP UNDER SEVERAL MATTRESSES.

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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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 03/07/98

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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

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.

ON FEBRUARY 18, THE FORT BEND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED 8.4 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1990 HONDA WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF EIGHT PACKAGES OF COCAINE FROM WITHIN THE VEHICLE.

ON FEBRUARY 20, THE DEA LAREDO TASK FORCE IN TEXAS SEIZED \$109,860 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-35 IN WEBB COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1997 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN WITH MEXICAN PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH WAS OBTAINED WHICH RESULTED IN FINDING THE CURRENCY IN A NATURAL COMPARTMENT WITHIN THE TAILGATE. THE MONEY WAS WRAPPED IN PLASTIC WRAP, PLASTIC TAPE AND ALUMINUM FOIL.

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ON FEBRUARY 20 AT 0916 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 193 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING EAST ON U.S. 83 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1986 FORD AEROSTAR WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND 36 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WRAPPED IN BROWN CELLOPHANE TAPE AND CLEAR PLASTIC WRAP. THE DRIVER AND ONE PASSENGER FLED THE SCENE AND EVADED CAPTURE.

ON FEBRUARY 24 AT 0830 HOURS, THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE SEIZED 114 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON STATE ROUTE 32 IN CATRON COUNTY. THE HERNANDEZ, NEW MEXICO, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO ESPANOLA, NEW MEXICO, FROM ANIMAS, NEW MEXICO. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1992 CHEVROLET CAVALIER WITH NEW MEXICO PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS NOTICED SEVERAL DUFFEL BAGS IN THE VEHICLE AND A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH FOUND THE CONTRABAND IN THE DUFFEL BAGS.

ON FEBRUARY 25 AT 1059 HOURS, THE BEAUMONT POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 200 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-10 IN JEFFERSON COUNTY. THE LAWRENCEVILLE, GEORGIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LAWRENCEVILLE FROM SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1997 FORD E-150 VAN WITH GEORGIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND CONCEALED IN BOXES LOCATED IN THE REAR OF THE VEHICLE.

ON FEBRUARY 27 AT 1030 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5 GALLONS OF HYDRIOTIC ACID FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN KERN COUNTY. THE HUNTINGTON BEACH, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1988 HONDA ACCORD WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE ACID IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

ON FEBRUARY 27 AT 1545 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 45.4 KILOGRAMS OF RED PHOSPHOROUS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-805 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO TIJUANA FROM SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1985 FORD LTD WITH MEXICO PLATES.

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THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A
CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND
CONCEALED IN THE SPARE TIRE WELL AND REAR FENDERS OF THE
VEHICLE.

ON FEBRUARY 28 AT 0725 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY
PATROL SEIZED 4.2 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES
TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN SHASTA COUNTY. THE LOS
ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO PORTLAND,
OREGON, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE
TRAVELING IN A 1990 FORD TAURUS WITH OREGON PLATES. THE
OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENT TO
SEARCH WAS OBTAINED, RESULTING IN THE SEIZURE OF COCAINE
HIDDEN IN A, ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED, STEEL COMPARTMENT
IN THE RIGHT REAR SEAT. A .380 CALIBER SEMIAUTOMATIC
WEAPON WAS ALSO FOUND. AIR FRESHENER WAS USED AS A
MASKING AGENT.

ON FEBRUARY 28 AT 0058 HOURS, THE EAGLE PASS POLICE
DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 102 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA
FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON U.S. 57 IN MAVERICK
COUNTY. THE CANYON LAKE, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO
SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS, FROM EAGLE PASS, TEXAS. OFFICERS
FOUND THE DRUGS IN THE TRUNK OF THE SUBJECT'S 1989 FORD
TEMPO WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE MARIJUANA WAS WRAPPED IN
CELLOPHANE AND BROWN PACKAGING TAPE.

ON MARCH 01 AT 1250 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC
SAFETY SEIZED 363 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN
MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-10 IN HUDSPETH COUNTY. THE
SUBJECT, A RESIDENT OF MEXICO, WAS EN ROUTE TO EL PASO,
TEXAS, FROM MCNARY, TEXAS. HE WAS DRIVING A 1992
CHEVROLET CAPRICE WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE
VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A TOTAL OF 657 SMALL BUNDLES OF
MARIJUANA WERE FOUND IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON MARCH 02, THE JEFFERSON COUNTY NARCOTICS TASK FORCE IN
TEXAS SEIZED 8 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A COUPLE
TRAVELING EAST ON I-10 IN JEFFERSON COUNTY. THE DRIVER,
A ROCHESTER, NEW YORK, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ROCHESTER
FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1998 FORD
EXPLORER RENTAL. OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND IN THE
SPARE TIRE. THE PACKAGES OF COCAINE WERE MARKED "HONGO"
ON BOTH SIDES, WITH BLACK MAGIC MARKER, ALONG WITH THE
IMPRINT OF A STAR ON ONE SIDE OF THE PACKAGES.

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ON MARCH 03 AT 2345 HOURS, THE GEORGIA STATE PATROL SEIZED \$171,500 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE AND TWO FEMALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-75 IN MONROE COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS, ALL INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO INDIANAPOLIS FROM DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE FEMALE PASSENGER'S 1982 BMW 745I WITH TEMPORARY FLORIDA PLATES. APPROXIMATELY \$151,000 WAS FOUND IN A NATURAL COMPARTMENT LOCATED UNDER THE SEAT OF THE VEHICLE. ACCESS WAS GAINED BY FOLDING THE SEAT FORWARD TO REVEAL A STEEL "CAGE" WHICH SUPPORTED THE SEAT. THE REST OF THE CURRENCY WAS IN LUGGAGE LOCATED ON THE FRONT FLOORBOARD. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE CURRENCY. 4

ON MARCH 03 AT 0700 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 22 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING ON I-5 NORTH IN SHASTA COUNTY IN A 1995 CHEVROLET ASTRO VAN, BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SEATTLE FROM COMPTON, CALIFORNIA. A DECOY VEHICLE, A 1993 FORD TAURUS WITH WASHINGTON PLATES, OCCUPIED BY TWO MALES WAS INITIALLY STOPPED. THE DECOY VEHICLE'S DRIVER, A SEATTLE RESIDENT, WAS TRAVELING WITH A PORTLAND, OREGON, RESIDENT. WHEN THE OFFICER NOTICED THAT THE VAN, TRAVELING WITH THE DECOY VEHICLE, DID NOT STOP WITH THE FORD TAURUS, THE OFFICER REQUESTED THAT ANOTHER UNIT STOP THE VAN. A CONSENT TO SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT ON THE VAN, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT UNDER A FALSE FLOOR.

ON MARCH 04 AT 1021 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 29 KILOGRAMS OF EPHEDRINE, 28.6 KILOGRAMS OF HYDRIODIC ACID, AND APPROXIMATELY 2 KILOGRAMS OF RED PHOSPHORUS FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN FRESNO COUNTY. THE SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, FROM SANTA ANA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING HIS 1982 HONDA ACCORD WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND BEHIND THE FRONT SEAT AND IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. THE HYDRIODIC ACID WAS CONCEALED IN MOTOR OIL CONTAINERS.

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ON MARCH 04 AT 1803 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 141 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$1,800 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING WEST ON I-10 IN PINAL COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A TUCSON, ARIZONA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A NOGALES, ARIZONA, RESIDENT WERE TRAVELING IN A 1998 DODGE TRUCK RENTAL WITH ARIZONA PLATES TOWING A 1989 BOAT TRAILER WITH A BAYLINER 20-FOOT BOAT. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND HIDDEN WITHIN THE HULL OF THE BOAT. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED ON THE BOAT.

ON MARCH 04 AT 1600 HOURS, THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE SEIZED 594 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM A NIGERIAN MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-80 IN BUTLER COUNTY. THE DETROIT, MICHIGAN, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO DETROIT FROM NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1986 TOYOTA TERCEL WITH MICHIGAN PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THREE BOTTLES OF BATH PRODUCTS ORIGINATING IN JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA. THE HEROIN WAS FOUND IN PLASTIC HEAT-SEALED BAGS WITHIN THESE BOTTLES.

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ON MARCH 05 AT 0745 HOURS, THE OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 15 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-70 IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY. THE COLUMBUS, OHIO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO COLUMBUS FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1994 FORD TAURUS WITH ILLINOIS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE COCAINE IN A FALSE, ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED, COMPARTMENT LOCATED BEHIND THE BACK SEAT OF THE VEHICLE. THE DRUGS WERE WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC AND WERE HEAT-SEALED. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED.

ON MARCH 06 AT 1815 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED 128 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-80 IN LA SALLE COUNTY. THE PINE BROOK, NEW JERSEY, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PINE BROOK FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1987 LINCOLN RENTAL WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH RESULTED IN FINDING THE MARIJUANA IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

ON MARCH 06 AT 2200 HOURS, THE CARROLL COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA SEIZED \$100,830 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MEXICAN MALE AND A FEMALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-20. THE PASADENA, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1989 CHEVROLET PICKUP WITH TEXAS PLATES EN ROUTE TO TEXAS. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS DISCOVERED \$100,030 IN U.S. CURRENCY INSIDE A BOX LOCATED ON THE SEAT AND \$800 WAS ON THE FEMALE PASSENGER. THE CURRENCY WAS WRAPPED IN RUBBER BANDS.

ON MARCH 07 AT 2000 HOURS, THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE SEIZED \$3,166,184 IN U.S. CURRENCY AND \$315 IN COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-40 IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY. THE HARLINGEN, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1995 KENWORTH TRACTOR PULLING A 1993 UTILITY REFRIGERATED TRAILER, BOTH BEARING TEXAS PLATES. THE TRACTOR-TRAILER WAS COMPANY-OWNED. THE VEHICLE WAS STOPPED AT THE LICENSE AND WEIGHT INSPECTION STATION FOR A SAFETY CHECK. DURING THE COURSE OF A STATUTORY SEARCH, OFFICERS DISCOVERED 325 BUNDLES OF CURRENCY INSIDE FOUR SUITCASES LOCATED ON A DOUBLE BUNK IN THE SLEEPER. THE CURRENCY WAS EN ROUTE TO HIDALGO, TEXAS, FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS.

ON MARCH 07 AT 1130 HOURS, THE VIRGINIA STATE POLICE SEIZED 114 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM THREE MALES, ONE A MEXICAN NATIONAL, TRAVELING NORTH ON I-95 IN FAIRFAX COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1992 PLYMOUTH VOYAGER WITH VIRGINIA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND, CONTAINED WITHIN TRASH BAGS, IN THE TRUNK. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED.

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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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 02/28/98

*** 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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

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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.

ON FEBRUARY 13 AT 0750 HOURS, THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE SEIZED 2.3 KILOGRAMS OF MEXICAN BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-40 IN ST. FRANCIS COUNTY. THE DALLAS, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TEXAS, FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. THE SUBJECT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1991 GMC PICKUP WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND SEVEN BUNDLES OF HEROIN, SEALED IN AIRTIGHT BAGS, WITHIN THE GAS TANK.

ON FEBRUARY 18 AT 1540 HOURS, THE SOUTHWESTERN NEW MEXICO TASK FORCE SEIZED 103 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING ON HIGHWAY 80. THE SUBJECT, A RESIDENT OF AGUA PRIETA, SONORA, MEXICO, WAS DRIVING A 1989 OLDSMOBILE WITH ARIZONA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE OFFICER NOTICED THE SMELL OF MARIJUANA EMANATING FROM THE VEHICLE AND OBSERVED PACKAGES WRAPPED IN PLASTIC ON THE REAR SEAT. SEVENTEEN PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA WERE SEIZED.

ON FEBRUARY 21 AT 1510 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 299 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA, DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, FROM TWO MALES ON FM495, WEST OF U.S. 281, IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A RENTAL TRUCK WITH KENTUCKY PLATES, EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, FROM MCALLEN, TEXAS.

ON FEBRUARY 22 AT 1940 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 23 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A MEXICAN MALE AND A FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-20 IN GREGG COUNTY. THE LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1988 TOYOTA 4RUNNER WITH GEORGIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, REVEALED 49 BUNDLES OF METHAMPHETAMINE WRAPPED IN PLASTIC AND DUCT TAPE WITHIN A SPARE TIRE UNDER THE VEHICLE.

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ON FEBRUARY 22 AT 1050 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 4.6 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND 3 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN COLUSA COUNTY. THE SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1997 CHEVROLET LUMINA RENTAL WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES, EN ROUTE TO YAKIMA, WASHINGTON, FROM SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND HIDDEN IN THE LEFT AND RIGHT REAR DOOR PANELS. A DRUG DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

ON FEBRUARY 22, THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 124 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON ROUTE 80 IN WARREN COUNTY. THE TUCSON, ARIZONA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FROM PENNSYLVANIA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A RENTED 1998 TOYOTA TRUCK WITH MASSACHUSETTS PLATES. A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE REVEALED THE MARIJUANA INSIDE 13 MOVING BOXES, EACH, CONTAINING 17 BUNDLES WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE.

ON FEBRUARY 23 AT 1627 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 7 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN POTTOWATOMIE COUNTY. THE BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO FT. SMITH, ARKANSAS, FROM BAKERSFIELD. THE SUBJECT WAS IN HIS 1991 TOYOTA BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE AND A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH WAS CONDUCTED. OFFICERS FOUND TWELVE PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE HIDDEN IN A NATURAL CAVITY BEHIND THE DRIVER'S SEAT. THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN PINK PLASTIC WRAP, COFFEE GROUNDS AND GREASE.

ON FEBRUARY 24 AT 0859 HOURS, THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MISSOURI SEIZED 205 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A CUBAN MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-44 IN ST. LOUIS. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1993 FORD VAN WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND COMPRESSED BRICKS OF MARIJUANA CONCEALED IN THE DOOR PANELS OF THE VAN. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VAN.

ON FEBRUARY 24 AT 1310 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 11 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A GUATEMALAN MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN KERN COUNTY. THE HERMISTON, OREGON, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SEATTLE, WASHINGTON, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1988 BUICK REGAL WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND INSIDE THE INTERIOR QUARTER PANELS OF THE VEHICLE.

ON FEBRUARY 24 AT 1250 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 193 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING WEST ON HIGHWAY 80 IN IMPERIAL COUNTY. THE TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, FROM MEXICALI, BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1990 BUICK CENTURY RENTAL WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE TRUNK WHERE THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND.

ON FEBRUARY 26 AT 0110 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5.5 KILOGRAMS OF MEXICAN BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON U.S. 101 IN MONTEREY COUNTY. THE SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, FROM KING CITY, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1994 FORD TAURUS WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENT TO SEARCH WAS OBTAINED WHICH RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF TWENTY BUNDLES OF HEROIN LOCATED IN THE DRIVER'S SIDE, FRONT AND REAR, DOORS. SPICES WERE USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

ON FEBRUARY 26 AT 1110 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 7.5 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A MEXICAN FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN COLUSA COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON FROM LOS ANGELES. THE SUBJECT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1998 CHEVROLET LUMINA RENTAL BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE BACK SEAT. OFFICERS FOUND 16 PACKAGES UNDER THE SEAT.

ON FEBRUARY 26 AT 1115 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.1 KILOGRAMS OF MEXICAN BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON STATE ROUTE 99 IN MERCED COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A COMPTON, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO MODESTO, CALIFORNIA, FROM LOS ANGELES. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1988 CHEVROLET CORSICA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE HEROIN LOCATED WITHIN THE VEHICLE'S AIR CLEANER.

ON FEBRUARY 26 AT 1100 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 179 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON U.S. 101 IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY. THE CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, FROM THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IN CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1988 CHEVROLET VAN WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA IN THE PASSENGER COMPARTMENT OF THE VAN.

ON FEBRUARY 27 AT 0910 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$15,000.000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-15 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE RANCHO CUCAMONGA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO, FROM RANCHO CUCAMONGA. THE SUBJECT WAS IN HIS 1997 MITSUBISHI MONTERO BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE PASSENGER AIRBAG COMPARTMENT WHERE THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND. THE COMPARTMENT HAD BEEN MODIFIED TO OPEN ELECTRONICALLY WHEN THE IGNITION KEY WAS ON, THE BRAKE PEDAL DEPRESSED, AND A MAGNET RUBBED ALONG THE DASH NEXT TO THE STEREO.

IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT, ALTHOUGH NOT REPORTED IN THIS TELETYPE, SEIZURES OF OVER 1 POUND OF COCAINE (454.39 GRAMS), 10 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA (4,540 GRAMS), 1 OUNCE OF CRACK (28.35 GRAMS), A GRAM OR MORE OF HEROIN, 454 GRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF LSD, 100 DOSAGE UNITS OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND \$15,000 IN DRUG-RELATED CURRENCY ARE CAPTURED IN EPIC'S HIGHWAY SEIZURE DATABASE.

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JAN 21

AT 1316 HOURS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 132,240 DOSAGE UNITS OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE FROM TWO JORDANIAN MALES TRAVELING WEST ON I-70 IN SALINE COUNTY. THE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, FROM CHICAGO. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1998 FORD TAURUS RENTAL WITH MICHIGAN PLATES. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH REVEALED 4 MOVING BOXES CONTAINING 16 CASES OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE LOCATED IN THE TRUNK. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE DRUGS.

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JAN 29

AT 1725 HOURS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 8 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A VENEZUELAN MALE AND A COLOMBIAN MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-70 IN SHERMAN COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A HUMBLE, TEXAS, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO BRONX, NEW YORK, FROM SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1997 FORD TAURUS RENTAL WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND WRAPPED IN A SPANISH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPER SEALED WITH DUCT TAPE, INSIDE A SUITCASE.

FEB 01

AT 2210 HOURS, THE OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 136 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-80 IN LUCAS COUNTY. THE MOHAWK, NEW YORK, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SYRACUSE, NEW YORK. HE WAS DRIVING A 1986 CHEVROLET SOUTHWIND RECREATIONAL VEHICLE BEARING NEW YORK PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE. A SEARCH FOUND 23 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA LOCATED IN A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT UNDER A MATTRESS.

FEB 06

AT 1900 HOURS, THE INDIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 232 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-465 IN MARION COUNTY. THE CINCINNATI, OHIO, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A COMPANY-OWNED 1997 FORD WITH OHIO PLATES, EN ROUTE TO CINCINNATI FROM SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA. A SEARCH REVEALED THE CONTRABAND HIDDEN IN A MODIFIED-FUEL TANK BUILT IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP. A GENERATOR WAS INSTALLED BEHIND THE FUEL TANK TO CONCEAL THE DRUGS. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE TRUCK. THE OPENING OF THE COMPARTMENT WAS BLOCKED BY THE GENERATOR WHICH HAD TO BE MOVED TO ACCESS THE MARIJUANA.

SP 84597

CO 001354

FEB 06

AT 1341 HOURS, THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE SEIZED \$160,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING WEST ON I-40 IN ST. FRANCIS COUNTY. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN THEIR 1991 FORD PICKUP WITH TEXAS PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, OFFICERS FOUND SEVERAL BUNDLES OF CURRENCY WRAPPED IN BROWN PAPER SACKS AND PLACED IN ZIPLOCK BAGS NUMBERED "20" OR "10", LOCATED IN THE GAS TANK.

FEB 07

AT 1831 HOURS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 297 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON U.S. 54 IN MEADE COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1994 FORD RENTAL TRUCK WITH MARYLAND PLATES. THE TUCSON, ARIZONA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ALBANY, NEW YORK, FROM TUCSON. THIRTY-FIVE PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND INSIDE 14 MOVING BOXES. SOME PACKAGES WERE MARKED WITH AN "X" INSIDE A CIRCLE, OR NUMBERS, AND OTHERS WITH AN "X" WITHOUT A CIRCLE. THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED WITH CONTACT PAPER.

FEB 09

AT 1831 HOURS, THE ANGELINA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED 8 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON LOOP 287. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A DODGE VISTA RENTAL WITH MARYLAND PLATES, EN ROUTE TO BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE HIDDEN IN THE REAR DOORS OF THE VEHICLE. SOME DRUGS WERE WRAPPED IN DUCT TAPE WITHIN AN ATHLETIC SOCK WHICH WAS SEMI-SECURED INSIDE THE DOOR WITH T-SHIRTS.

FEB 10

AT 1311 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 14 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-10 IN ST. MARTIN PARISH. THE PATERSON, NEW JERSEY, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1998 DODGE CARAVAN WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENT TO SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A FALSE FLOOR COMPARTMENT. CAYENNE PEPPER AND MUSTARD WERE USED AS MASKING AGENTS.

SP 84598

CO 001355

FEB 11

AT 1540 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.4 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A MEXICAN COUPLE TRAVELING, WITH A CHILD, NORTH ON STATE ROUTE 99 IN MADERA COUNTY. THE DINUBA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, FROM DINUBA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1989 TOYOTA TERCEL WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENT TO SEARCH WAS OBTAINED WHICH RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF METHAMPHETAMINE FOUND INSIDE A NATURAL VOID IN THE LEFT QUARTER PANEL OF THE VEHICLE.

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FEB 12

AT 1855 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 128 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON U.S. 281 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE ROMA, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1995 NEON WITH TEXAS PLATES, EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, FROM ROMA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

FEB 12

AT 1334 HOURS, THE VILLA RICA INTERSTATE TASK FORCE IN GEORGIA SEIZED \$110,040 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-20 IN CARROLL COUNTY. THE JAMAICA, NEW YORK, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO EITHER ALABAMA OR TEXAS FROM NEW YORK. THE MALE WAS DRIVING A 1997 CHEVROLET VAN WITH DC PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER RECEIVING CONSENT TO SEARCH, OFFICERS NOTICED DAMAGE TO THE SPARE TIRE AND TOOLS. SEVEN LARGE BUNDLES OF U.S. CURRENCY, WRAPPED IN DUCT TAPE, WERE FOUND INSIDE THE SPARE TIRE MOUNTED UNDER THE REAR OF THE VAN.

FEB 13

AT 1745 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 200 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING WEST ON I-10 IN PINAL COUNTY. THE SUNNYSIDE, WASHINGTON, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO YAKIMA, WASHINGTON, FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1986 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH WASHINGTON PLATES PULLING A REFRIGERATED TRAILER WITH OREGON PLATES. TWO BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND IN THE SLEEPER AREA OF THE TRACTOR AND SIX DUFFEL BAGS WERE FOUND IN THE TRAILER. EACH DUFFEL BAG HAD APPROXIMATELY 43 BUNDLES WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE, CONTACT PAPER, OR DUCT TAPE.

SP 84599

CO 001356

FEB 15 AT 2332 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 165 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON DOGWOOD ROAD IN IMPERIAL COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, FROM HEBER, CALIFORNIA. THE HEBER RESIDENT WAS IN HIS 1973 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR PULLING A 1996 TRAILER BOTH WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE TRAILER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH OF THE TRACTOR REVEALED THE CONTRABAND HIDDEN IN THE SLEEPER.

FEB 15 AT 0726 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 21 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND \$2,012 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-35 IN ELLIS COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A TROY, NORTH CAROLINA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, FROM HOUSTON. THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND IN THE SIDE PANELS OF THE 1992 PONTIAC GRAND AM WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT.

FEB 15 AT 1043 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 6 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND \$1,421 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN BECKHAM COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE, FROM BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1988 FORD VAN WITH MICHIGAN PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS LOCATED THE CONTRABAND IN THE REAR CONSOLE AND REAR DOORS OF THE VAN.

FEB 16 AT 1240 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1 KILOGRAM OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN SHASTA COUNTY. THE CHOWCHILLA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON FROM CHOWCHILLA. THE SUBJECT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1979 CHEVROLET BLAZER BEARING WASHINGTON PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE LOCATED IN THE INTERIOR RIGHT SIDE QUARTER PANEL OF THE VEHICLE. AIR FRESHENERS AND COFFEE GROUNDS WERE USED AS MASKING AGENTS.

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FEB 16 AT 1610 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 1.1 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE RICHGROVE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS IN HIS 1988 TOYOTA CAMRY WITH UTAH PLATES EN ROUTE TO UTAH FROM GLENDALE, CALIFORNIA. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METHAMPHETAMINE IN THE AIR CLEANER AND LEFT REAR FENDER OF THE VEHICLE.

FEB 16 AT 1039 HOURS, THE OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 8 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-80 IN LUCAS COUNTY. THE CICERO, ILLINOIS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1986 CADILLAC DEVILLE WITH ILLINOIS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, REVEALED SEVEN BRICKS OF COCAINE WRAPPED IN PLASTIC, DUCT TAPE AND ELECTRICAL TAPE IN TWO ELECTRICALLY-OPERATED COMPARTMENTS IN THE REAR ARM RESTS OF THE VEHICLE. THE PACKAGES HAD THE MARKINGS OF '8 BALL' AND 'UNCLE SAM'. THE OFFICERS ALSO SEIZED \$906 IN U.S. CURRENCY.

FEB 16 AT 0200 HOURS, THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MISSOURI SEIZED 3.6 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND 1.1 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EAST ON I-44 IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A SANTA FE SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A BELLFLOWER, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO RICHMOND, VIRGINIA, FROM NORWALK, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1997 FORD RENTAL VAN WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND SIX BUNDLES OF COCAINE AND FOUR BUNDLES OF METHAMPHETAMINE WRAPPED IN YELLOW DUCT TAPE WITHIN THE VEHICLE'S SPARE TIRE LOCATED UNDER THE VAN. COFFEE GROUNDS WERE USED AS MASKING AGENTS.

FEB 17 AT 0247 HOURS, THE ST. LOUIS COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN MISSOURI SEIZED 25 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A BLACK MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-44 IN ST. LOUIS COUNTY. THE DETROIT, MICHIGAN, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE FROM RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1992 FORD CROWN VICTORIA WITH MICHIGAN PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND 10 BUNDLES OF COCAINE HIDDEN IN THE SPARE TIRE AND 20 BUNDLES HIDDEN IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT UNDER THE REAR SEAT.

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FEB 17. AT 2200 HOURS, THE SOUTHERN NEVADA TASK FORCE SEIZED 55.8 GRAMS OF MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-15 IN CLARK COUNTY. THE PHOENIX, ARIZONA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO EITHER TWINFALLS, IDAHO, OR UTAH, FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1985 CADILLAC WITH ARIZONA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE HEROIN WAS FOUND INSIDE THE RIGHT WHEEL WELL WRAPPED IN A CLOTH AND BLACK ELECTRICAL TAPE.

FEB 18 AT 1813 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED \$288,995 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING WEST ON I-20 IN EASTLAND COUNTY. THE EL PASO, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO JUAREZ, MEXICO, FROM DALLAS, TEXAS. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1989 OLDSMOBILE WITH TEXAS PLATES. A CONSENT TO SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY IN THE REAR QUARTER PANELS OF THE VEHICLE.

FEB 18 AT 1135 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED \$395,088 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON U.S. 281 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE ALAMO, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ALAMO, FROM CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1996 DODGE CARAVAN WITH ILLINOIS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENT TO SEARCH RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF THE CURRENCY LOCATED IN THE VEHICLE'S REAR PANELS.

FEB 19 AT 0845 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$283,340 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM THREE JAMAICAN MALES TRAVELING WEST ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS, RESIDENTS OF WASHINGTON, DC, AND LAUREL, MARYLAND, WERE EN ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA FROM WASHINGTON, DC. A CONSENT TO SEARCH RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF THE CURRENCY LOCATED IN THE SPARE TIRE OF THE 1998 CHEVROLET RENTAL VAN BEARING VIRGINIA PLATES.

FEB 17

AT 0120 HOURS, THE CAMDEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA SEIZED \$385,751 IN U.S. CURRENCY AND \$40 IN COUNTERFEIT CURRENCY FROM A COLOMBIAN MALE AND A PERUVIAN MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95 IN CAMDEN COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A SUNNYDALE, NEW YORK, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI FROM QUEENS, NEW YORK. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1997 FORD TAURUS RENTAL. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH WAS OBTAINED AND THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND IN LUGGAGE LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED.

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AT 0422 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 875 GRAMS OF MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A MAYWOOD, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS MINOR SON, A SINALOA, MEXICO, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO AMARILLO, TEXAS, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE FATHER WAS TEACHING HIS SON THE 'FAMILY BUSINESS'. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1991 FORD AEROSTAR WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO THE VEHICLE AND THE TUBE-SHAPED PACKAGES OF HEROIN WERE FOUND IN THE UPPER REAR DOOR FRAME CHANNE..

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AT 1440 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 422 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN MALE AND A FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON STATE ROUTE 85 IN PIMA COUNTY. THE PHOENIX, ARIZONA, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1990 WINNEBAGO MOTORHOME WITH ARIZONA PLATES EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX FROM LUKEVILLE, ARIZONA. OFFICERS STOPPED TO OFFER ASSISTANCE AFTER NOTICING THE MOTORHOME PARKED ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. AFTER THE OFFICERS NOTICED THE DRIVER'S NERVOUSNESS, A CONSENSUAL SEARCH WAS OBTAINED AND THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND IN THE BATHROOM AND BEDROOM OF THE MOTORHOME. TWENTY BURLAP SACKS WERE FOUND, EACH CONTAINING APPROXIMATELY SEVEN TINFOIL WRAPPED PACKAGES. THE DRIVER ABSCONDED INTO THE DESERT AND EVADED CAPTURE.

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FEB 21

AT 1530 HOURS. THE OKEECHOBEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN FLORIDA SEIZED 217 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A JAMAICAN MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON FLORIDA'S TURNPIKE. THE LANCASTER, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1992 FORD TRACTOR WITH ILLINOIS PLATES, PULLING A 1984 FRUEHAUF FLATBED TRAILER WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE TRACTOR IS LEASED TO A LEGITIMATE TRUCKING FIRM BY THE DRIVER'S MOTHER. THE TRAILER IS OWNED BY THE DRIVER. A CONSENT TO SEARCH, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF MARIJUANA IN THE STORAGE CHEST LOCATED ON THE TRAILER'S FLATBED. THERE WAS

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ALSO A LEGITIMATE LOAD OF TITANIUM EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, ON THE FLATBED TRAILER.

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.

PLEASE ADDRESS QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS TO [REDACTED] RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS DOMESTIC UNIT, [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] UNIT CHIEF, RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS DOMESTIC UNIT, [REDACTED]

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1. THE FOLLOWING IS DEA SENSITIVE AND MUST BE HANDLED AND PROTECTED ACCORDINGLY.

2. THE EL PASO INTELLIGENCE CENTER (EPIC) RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS DOMESTIC UNIT IS CURRENTLY PREPARING THE CY97 EDITION OF THE HIGHWAY INTERDICTION NATIONAL OVERVIEW. AS IN YEARS PAST, THE OVERVIEW IS PREPARED USING SEIZURE DATA REPORTED TO EPIC BY THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL OFFICES PARTICIPATING IN OPERATIONS PIPELINE OR CONVOY. DURING THE PREPARATION FOR THE CY97 NATIONAL OVERVIEW, RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS DOMESTIC UNIT PERSONNEL NOTED A SIGNIFICANT UPWARD TREND INVOLVING SEIZURES OF U.S. CURRENCY, PARTICULARLY THOSE EN ROUTE TO FLORIDA. THIS BULLETIN FORWARDS THE STATISTICAL DATA, AN ANALYSIS OF THEM, AND A DISCUSSION OF THE LIKELY CAUSE FOR THE TREND. IN BROAD TERMS, THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF U.S. CURRENCY SEIZURE INCIDENTS REPORTED UNDER THE HIGHWAY PROGRAMS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS (CY95-97). THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE CURRENCY SEIZED HAS ALSO INCREASED, BUT AT A MUCH GREATER RATE THAN THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS, WITH LARGER LOADS REPRESENTING A GREATER PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL. IN PARTICULAR, THIS APPEARS TO BE TRUE OF THE TWO PRIMARY INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS LINKING SOUTH FLORIDA WITH POINTS NORTH. IT WAS FURTHER NOTED THAT THIS TREND COINCIDED IN TIME WITH CHANGES IN THE REPORTING RULES FOR BANK WIRE TRANSFERS; IT IS FELT THAT AT LEAST A PARTIAL CAUSE FOR THE INCREASE IN HIGHWAY CURRENCY LOAD SIZE IS DUE TO DRUG MONEY COURIERS SHIFTING FROM WIRE TRANSFERS TO BULK SHIPMENTS TO MOVE THE PROCEEDS OF DRUG SALES OUT OF THE COUNTRY. AS WILL BE DISCUSSED BELOW, ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT THIS TREND WILL CONTINUE, AND PERHAPS INCREASE.

3. EPIC STATISTICS FOR HIGHWAY INTERDICTION PROGRAMS REVEAL A TOTAL OF \$424 MILLION U.S. DOLLARS SEIZED FROM 1986 (WHEN THE FIGURES WERE FIRST KEPT) THROUGH THE END OF CY97. THE ANNUAL TOTALS ROSE STEADILY THROUGH CY89, BEFORE DIPPING SLIGHTLY IN CY90-91. THERE WAS ANOTHER SHARP RISE IN CY92, AND THEN LEVELS REMAINED FAIRLY CONSTANT, AVERAGING AROUND \$40 MILLION PER YEAR DURING CY92-95. BETWEEN CY95 AND CY96, U.S. CURRENCY HIGHWAY SEIZURES EXPERIENCED THE SECOND LARGEST SINGLE-YEAR INCREASE IN THE HISTORY OF THE PROGRAMS, RISING 37% FROM \$38 MILLION TO \$52 MILLION. IN CY97, THE FIGURE ROSE AGAIN, THIS TIME BY 21%, TO A NEW SINGLE-YEAR RECORD TOTAL OF \$63 MILLION. IT SHOULD BE REMEMBERED THAT THIS IS TOTAL OF CURRENCY SEIZED, NOT A DOLLAR VALUE ESTIMATE FOR ASSETS (SUCH AS VEHICLES) SEIZED AND FORFEITED. THE INDIVIDUAL YEAR U.S. CURRENCY SEIZURE TOTALS FOR THE HIGHWAY PROGRAMS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- CY86 \$14 MILLION
- CY87 \$19 MILLION
- CY88 \$28 MILLION
- CY89 \$33 MILLION
- CY90 \$24 MILLION
- CY91 \$24 MILLION
- CY92 \$45 MILLION
- CY93 \$41 MILLION
- CY94 \$43 MILLION
- CY95 \$38 MILLION
- CY96 \$52 MILLION
- CY97 \$63 MILLION

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- CITY 700 MILLION

4. THIS TREND TAKES ON EVEN MORE SIGNIFICANCE WHEN SEIZURES OF U.S. CURRENCY DESTINED FOR FLORIDA DURING CY95-97 ARE REVIEWED. OVER THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD, THE NATIONWIDE TOTAL OF INCIDENTS WHERE THE DESTINATION WAS REPORTED AS FLORIDA INCREASED 65%, FROM 61 TO 101. DURING THE SAME PERIOD, THE ANNUAL AMOUNT OF U.S. CURRENCY SEIZED IN THESE INCIDENTS ROSE 115%, FROM \$5.74 MILLION TO \$12.36 MILLION. THE FIGURES WERE HIGHER WHEN THE SUBSET OF LARGE CURRENCY SEIZURES WAS EXAMINED. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS BULLETIN, LARGE U.S. CURRENCY SEIZURES ARE THOSE IN WHICH \$100,000 OR MORE WAS SEIZED. LOADS OF THIS SIZE PROBABLY REPRESENT THE MOVEMENT OF CASH PROCEEDS IN BULK FOR REPATRIATION AFTER THE DISTRIBUTION OF DRUGS BY MAJOR ORGANIZATIONS, RATHER THAN THE MOVEMENT OF "BUY MONEY". TAKING THESE LARGE SEIZURES DESTINED TO FLORIDA, IT IS NOTED THAT THE NUMBER OF INCIDENTS NATIONWIDE INCREASED BY A STAGGERING 462%, FROM 8 IN CY95 TO 45 IN CY97. THE INCREASE IN THE TOTAL DOLLAR AMOUNT SEIZED WAS MORE IN LINE WITH THAT FOR ALL SEIZURES DESTINED TO FLORIDA, RISING 119%, FROM \$5.04 MILLION TO \$11.04 MILLION.

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5. THE LAST SET OF FIGURES TO BE CONSIDERED COVERS SEIZURES MADE DURING CY95-97 ON THE TWO PRIMARY NORTH-SOUTH CORRIDORS IN THE EASTERN UNITED STATES, I-75 AND I-95. FOR THE PURPOSE OF THIS BULLETIN, I-75 AND I-95 ARE TAKEN TO INCLUDE THE PRINCIPAL SPURS AND LOOPS (I.E. THREE-DIGIT INTERSTATES SUCH AS I-495, I-275) AND THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE. AS A PAIR, THE TWO INTERSTATES FEED INTO SOUTH FLORIDA. THE EASTERNMOST ROUTE, I-95, SERVES BOSTON, THE NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY AREA, AND PASSES THROUGH SEVERAL OTHER DRUG DISTRIBUTION HUBS. I-75 PASSES THROUGH DETROIT, CINCINNATI, AND ATLANTA ON ITS WAY SOUTH. BOTH ARE ALSO LINKED THROUGH THE INTERCHANGE SYSTEM WITH MANY MAJOR EAST-WEST INTERSTATES, AS WELL AS OTHER KEY U.S. AND STATE HIGHWAYS. WHEN AN ANALYSIS WAS MADE OF U.S. CURRENCY,

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SEIZED OUTDOORS ON THESE TRAILER AREAS, THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INCIDENTS (OF ANY SIZE) INCREASED 42%, FROM 83 IN CY95 TO 118 IN CY97. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF U.S. CURRENCY SEIZED IN THOSE INCIDENTS INCREASED 245%, FROM \$4.61 MILLION IN CY95 TO \$15.92 MILLION IN CY97. BOTH FIGURES ARE IN KEEPING WITH THE INCREASES NOTED IN PARAGRAPH 4 FOR NATIONWIDE SEIZURES WITH A FLORIDA DESTINATION. HOWEVER, WHEN LARGE SEIZURES WERE EXAMINED, IT WAS NOTED THAT NUMBER OF SEIZURE INCIDENTS SKYROCKETED BY 550%, FROM 6 IN CY95 TO 39 IN CY97. TAKEN AS A PERCENTAGE OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INCIDENTS, THEREFORE, LARGE SEIZURES ROSE FROM BEING A MERE 7% OF THE TOTAL INCIDENTS IN CY95 TO FULLY 33% IN CY97. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF U.S. CURRENCY SEIZED IN THOSE INCIDENTS ALSO ROSE 245% OVER THE SAME PERIOD, FROM \$3.59 MILLION IN CY95 TO \$14.08 MILLION IN CY97.

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7. ACCORDING TO THE [REDACTED] A NEW REGULATION GOVERNING BANK WIRE TRANSFERS TOOK EFFECT ON MAY 28, 1996. THE NEW REGULATION REQUIRED FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS TO MAINTAIN RECORDS ON WIRE TRANSFERS OF \$3,000 OR MORE. THE RECORDS MUST BE RETAINED FOR FIVE YEARS, ALTHOUGH THEY ARE NOT REQUIRED TO BE AUTOMATED. THEY MUST, HOWEVER, BE RETRIEVABLE IN A "TIMELY" MANNER. FURTHER, THE NEW REGULATION INSTITUTED A SYSTEM OF RECORDS MOVING WITH THE TRANSFER, REGARDLESS OF LAYERING. IN GENERAL, THE TRANSMITTING BANK OR NON-BANK INSTITUTION IS REQUIRED TO SEND THE FOLLOWING IN THE WIRE TRANSMITTAL ORDER: THE NAME, ACCOUNT NUMBER, AND ADDRESS OF THE TRANSMITTER; THE IDENTITY OF THE TRANSMITTER'S FINANCIAL INSTITUTION; THE AMOUNT AND DATE OF THE TRANSMITTAL ORDER; AND THE IDENTITY OF THE RECIPIENT'S FINANCIAL INSTITUTION. THE RECIPIENT INSTITUTION MUST NOW HAVE ON RECORD: THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND ACCOUNT NUMBER OF THE RECIPIENT, AND THE IDENTITY OF THE RECIPIENT'S FINANCIAL INSTITUTION. INTERMEDIARY INSTITUTIONS MUST NOW PASS ON ALL INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM TRANSMITTING INSTITUTIONS. REGARDLESS OF THE EVENTUAL VALUE OF THESE RECORDS TO LAW ENFORCEMENT IN DOCUMENTING SPECIFIC FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS, IMPLEMENTATION OF THESE RECORD KEEPING PROCEDURES APPEARS TO DETER SOME INDIVIDUALS FROM MAKING WIRE TRANSFERS. THE FACT THAT THIS HAS COINCIDED WITH AN INCREASE IN HIGHWAY CURRENCY SEIZURES, PARTICULARLY OF THE LARGER LOADS, AND PARTICULARLY OF LOADS DESTINED FOR FLORIDA, SUGGESTS THAT MONEY COURIERS ARE INCREASINGLY TRANSPORTING CASH TO FLORIDA, PROBABLY FOR MOVEMENT IN BULK TO DRUG SOURCE COUNTRIES.

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8. IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED REGULATION CONCERNING BANK WIRE TRANSFERS, THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER CHANGES TO WIRE TRANSFER PROCEDURES, WHICH HAVE UNDOUBTEDLY ALSO CAUSED DRUG MONEY COURIERS TO ALTER THEIR METHODS OF OPERATION. THE FIRST SUCH FOCUSED ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING EFFORT, CALLED GEOGRAPHICAL TARGETING ORDERS (GTO), WAS IMPLEMENTED IN LATE 1996, AT THE REQUEST OF THE U.S. ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, THE U.S. CUSTOMS SERVICE, AND THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. THIS GTO REQUIRED A NUMBER OF NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY AREA MONEY REMITTERS TO FILE MODIFIED CURRENCY TRANSACTION REPORTS (CTR) FOR TRANSACTIONS TO COLOMBIA IN EXCESS OF \$750. SUBSEQUENT GTO'S APPLIED THE SAME REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRANSACTIONS BOUND FOR THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. IN MAY 1997, FINCEN PROPOSED A NATIONWIDE GTO COVERING ALL WIRE TRANSFERS IN EXCESS OF \$750 DESTINED OUT OF THE U.S. THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR THIS SO-CALLED "\$750 RULE" HAS RECENTLY ENDED; FINCEN SOURCES WERE NOT ABLE TO PREDICT WHEN SUCH A RULE MIGHT GO INTO EFFECT, OR IN WHAT FINAL FORM, BUT CLEARLY SUCH A REPORTING BURDEN WOULD PROVIDE FURTHER IMPETUS FOR TRAFFICKERS TO FIND MEANS OTHER THAN WIRE TRANSFERS TO MOVE THEIR FUNDS.

9. TO DATE, EPIC HAS NOT RECEIVED ANY DIRECT INFORMATION, SUCH AS CS OR SUSPECT STATEMENTS, DETAILING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN INCREASED WIRE TRANSFER REPORTING RULES AND THE INCREASE IN HIGHWAY U.S. CURRENCY SEIZURES. EPIC POST-SEIZURE ANALYSIS OF THOSE SEIZURES, HOWEVER, HAS SHED SOME LIGHT ON THE CONNECTION. ANALYSIS OF THE SEIZURE OF \$282,750 U.S. CURRENCY BY THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL, ON APRIL 10, 1997, OFFERS A CASE IN POINT (INITIALLY REPORTED IN REF (A)). TROOPERS MADE THE SEIZURE ON I-95 SOUTHBOUND IN NASH COUNTY, NC, PURSUANT TO A TRAFFIC STOP FOR A SPEEDING VIOLATION. THE THREE COLOMBIAN NATIONALS IN THE VEHICLE WERE EN ROUTE FROM NEW YORK, NY, TO MIAMI, FL. THIS SEIZURE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ADOPTED BY DEA RALEIGH, NC, FOR FEDERAL FORFEITURE. POST-SEIZURE ANALYSIS BY THE EPIC FINANCIAL PROGRAMS TEAM SUCCESSFULLY IDENTIFIED THE THREE SUBJECTS, AND LINKED THEM AND THE SEIZED CURRENCY TO FIVE DEA SUSPECT INTERESTS.

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FBI INVESTIGATORS, FROM OFFICES IN NEW YORK; MIAMI;
WASHINGTON, D.C.; CHICAGO, IL; AND HOUSTON, TX. MOST
SIGNIFICANT, PERHAPS, WAS THE FACT THAT AN ANALYSIS OF
TELEPHONE NUMBERS RECOVERED FROM ONE SUBJECT'S PAGER
LINKED THE SEIZURE TO A MAJOR NEW YORK/NEW JERSEY WIRE
TRANSFER BUSINESS, WIDELY DOCUMENTED IN DEA, FBI, AND USCS
INDICES FOR ITS INVOLVEMENT IN MONEY LAUNDERING.

10. QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, OR REQUESTS FOR ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ARE WELCOMED, AND SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO
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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 02/14/96

****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 LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL AT THE FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LEVELS IN DETERMINING DRUG MOVEMENT PATTERNS ON U.S. HIGHWAYS AND IN IDENTIFYING SIMILARITIES WITH THEIR OWN INVESTIGATIONS. THIS MESSAGE IS PUBLISHED WEEKLY BASED ON REPORTING RECEIVED AT EPIC DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK.

SIGNIFICANT SEIZURES FOR INCLUSION IN THIS MESSAGE ARE

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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.

JAN 30 AT 0810 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 477 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-20 IN NOLAN COUNTY. THE ODESSA, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1987 FORD PICKUP WITH TEXAS PLATES, EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TEXAS, FROM ODESSA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE DRUGS IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP LOCATED UNDER A METAL COVER.

FEB 01 AT 1707 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 204 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-12 IN ST. TAMMANY PARISH. THE DRIVER, A HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A LAREDO, TEXAS, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO ALABAMA, FROM LAREDO. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1993 PETERBUILT TRACTOR WITH TEXAS PLATES, PULLING A COMPANY-OWNED 1997 TRAILER WITH ONTARIO, CANADA, PLATES. THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND IN THE TRAILER WITHIN THE LOAD. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED BUT DID NOT ALERT ON THE VEHICLE.

FEB 02 AT 2154 HOURS, THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM THREE MALES, TWO OF THEM MEXICAN NATIONALS, AND ONE FEMALE TRAVELING WITH FOUR MINORS GOING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN CLARK COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE FEMALE PASSENGER'S 1986 CHEVROLET VAN BEARING INDIANA PLATES, EN ROUTE TO FORT WAYNE, INDIANA. DURING A SEARCH, A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE FEMALE PASSENGER'S PURSE. THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND IN PLASTIC BAGGIES AROUND THE WAISTS OF BOTH MALE PASSENGERS.

FEB 04 AT 0200 HOURS, THE HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED 752 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA ON FM 2115 FROM A MALE IN A 1987 FORD PICKUP THAT WAS PARKED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROADWAY WITH TWO OTHER VEHICLES. THE VEHICLES FLED AS THE OFFICER APPROACHED. DURING THE ENSUING CHASE, THE FORD PICKUP WRECKED, AND A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH FOUND THE CONTRABAND HIDDEN IN A TOOL BOX AND [REDACTED]

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SECTION TWO OF FIVE SECTIONS

THE PICKUP.

FEB 06 THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 538 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AND 6 GRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE. THE DRIVER, A MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, WERE TRAVELING FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK, TRAVELING IN A 1991 TOYOTA WITH FLORIDA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE CRACK BEHIND THE REAR SEATS AND THE MARIJUANA BETWEEN THE FRONT SEATS OF THE VEHICLE.

FEB 07 AT 0530 HOURS, THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE SEIZED 100 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$1,500 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE AND A COUPLE TRAVELING IN TWO SEPARATE VEHICLES GOING NORTHBOUND ON I-10 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE VEHICLES WERE STOPPED AFTER OFFICERS NOTICED A 1994 KIA WITH ARIZONA PLATES ATTEMPTING TO DRAW ATTENTION AWAY FROM THE LOAD VEHICLE, A 1985 NISSAN MAXIMA WITH ARIZONA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE LOAD VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE DRIVER FLED THE SCENE BUT WAS LATER FOUND, AND APPREHENDED. THREE BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND IN THE NISSAN'S PASSENGER COMPARTMENT. THE DRIVER, OWNER, OF THE KIA, AND HIS PASSENGER, WERE ALSO ARRESTED.

FEB 08 AT 1330 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 409 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 77 IN KLEBERG COUNTY. THE BRONX, NEW YORK, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO BRONX FROM MCALLEN, TEXAS. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1986 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR WITH GEORGIA PLATES PULLING A 1984 UTILITY TRAILER WITH TEXAS PLATES. A CONSENT TO SEARCH REVEALED THE MARIJUANA HIDDEN IN THE WALLS OF THE TRAILER. A LEGITIMATE LOAD OF PRODUCE HAD BEEN PURCHASED AND USED AS A COVER LOAD.

SP 84613

CO 001370

FEB 08

AT 1117 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$2,172,710 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES, ONE A MEXICAN NATIONAL, TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MEXICO FROM PARAMOUNT. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE PASSENGER'S 1994 NISSAN SENTRA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, FOUND THE CURRENCY IN THE DASH WHICH OPENED WITH AN ELECTROMAGNETIC DASH RELEASE, IN THE REAR SIDE PANELS AND IN THE ROCKER PANELS OF THE VEHICLE. TWO CANS OF CALIFORNIA SCENTS AIR FRESHENER WERE USED AS MASKING AGENTS.

FEB 09

AT 0900 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN YOLO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A MEDFORD, OREGON, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A WOODLAKE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO MEDFORD FROM WOODLAKE. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1981 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS WITH OREGON PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND IN A SOFT-SIDED ICE CHEST THAT WAS ON THE RIGHT FRONT FLOORBOARD OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

FEB 09

AT 0958 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED \$560,023 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A VENEZUELAN COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN LAFAYETTE PARISH. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CURRENCY INSIDE A SUITCASE THAT WAS LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE 1997 CHEVROLET CAVALIER RENTAL BEARING *FL PLATES*.

FEB 09

AT 1815 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 7 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW MEXICO FROM CALIFORNIA. THE ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1997 DODGE INTREPID WITH NEW MEXICO PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A WRITTEN CONSENT TO SEARCH THE VEHICLE WAS OBTAINED, AND A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO THE DASHBOARD AREA. OFFICERS FOUND 15 CELLOPHANE-WRAPPED PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE HIDDEN IN THE PASSENGER'S SIDE AIR BAG COMPARTMENT.

SP 84614

CO 001371

FEB 10

AT 1015 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 160 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON STATE ROUTE 85 IN MARICOPA COUNTY. THE MENAGERS DAM, ARIZONA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA, FROM MENAGERS DAM. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1991 DODGE CARAVAN WITH ARIZONA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS STOPPED THE VEHICLE FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION AND OBSERVED WHAT APPEARED TO BE BALES OF MARIJUANA, IN PLAIN VIEW, IN THE CARGO AREA. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS CALLED OUT AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE. A TOTAL OF 10 BALES OF MARIJUANA WAS SEIZED.

FEB 10

AT 1115 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 11.8 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A MALE AND A MEXICAN FEMALE TRAVELING WITH A 3-YEAR-OLD CHILD EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE DRIVER, A SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A WHITTIER, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1989 JAGUAR WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A CONSENT TO SEARCH WAS OBTAINED. HIDDEN COMPARTMENTS LOCATED IN BOTH ROCKER PANELS CONTAINED 20 PACKAGES OF COCAINE.

FEB 10

THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 764 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95. THE LAURINBURG, NORTH CAROLINA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LAURINBURG FROM NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1996 FORD RENTAL VAN WITH SOUTH CAROLINA PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND THE CRACK, IN A PLASTIC BAG, LAYING ON THE SEAT IN THE PASSENGER COMPARTMENT.

FEB 10

AT 1443 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 681 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-905 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS COMING FROM OTAY MESA, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1978 FORD PICKUP TRUCK BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A TOTAL OF 156 PACKAGES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND IN THE BED AND CAB OF THE PICKUP. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED.

SP 84615

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FEB 11

THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 212 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE IN MONMOUTH COUNTY. OFFICERS SEIZED THE CONTRABAND FROM THE SUBJECT WHO WAS A PASSENGER IN AN AIRPORT TAXI VAN. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA, FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK. THE SUBJECT CLAIMED TO BE A PHILADELPHIA RESIDENT.

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FEB 11

THE NEBRASKA STATE PATROL SEIZED 117 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80 IN LINCOLN COUNTY. THE JUPITER, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON, DC, FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1997 LINCOLN 4-DOOR RENTAL SEDAN WITH ARIZONA PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND FOUR ARMY DUFFEL BAGS OF MARIJUANA LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED.

FEB 12

AT 1855 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 128 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN-MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 281 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE ROMA, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1995 DODGE NEON WITH TEXAS PLATES, EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, FROM ROMA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

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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CO 001373

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.

JAN 26 AT 1440 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 162 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN ST. MARTIN PARISH. THE DRIVER, A DOUGLAS, ARIZONA, RESIDENT, AND HER PASSENGER, A PIRTLEVILLE, ARIZONA, RESIDENT, WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1992 CHEVROLET PICKUP WITH ARIZONA PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND THE DRUGS INSIDE A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE BED OF THE TRUCK.

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JAN 28 AT 2200 HOURS, THE MADISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN FLORIDA SEIZED 908 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA, FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA. BOTH MALES WERE RESIDENTS OF NEW ORLEANS. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1998 JEEP CHEROKEE RENTAL WITH TEMPORARY LOUISIANA PLATES. DEPUTIES NOTICED THAT SOME RIVETS IN THE PLASTIC WHEELWELL COVERING WERE MISSING. THE OFFICERS FOUND THREE PACKAGES OF HEROIN HIDDEN IN THE RIGHT FRONT FENDER WHEEL WELL AREA OF THE VEHICLE BETWEEN THE METAL OF THE ACTUAL WHEEL WELL AND THE PLASTIC COVERING OF THE WHEEL WELL. THE DRUGS WERE WRAPPED WITH DUCT TAPE.

JAN 29 AT 2150 HOURS, THE VIRGINIA STATE POLICE SEIZED 1.4 KILOGRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE AND \$1,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 13 IN ACCOMACK COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO PORTSMOUTH, VIRGINIA. THE DRIVER OF THE LOAD VEHICLE WAS DRIVING A PRIVATELY-OWNED 1988 VOLKSWAGEN JETTA WITH NORTH CAROLINA PLATES THAT WAS ESCORTED BY A 1993 LEXUS WITH VIRGINIA PLATES. BOTH DRIVERS WERE PORTSMOUTH RESIDENTS. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF THE CONTRABAND HIDDEN BEHIND THE GLOVE BOX. FIVE BUNDLES OF CRACK COCAINE WERE FOUND WRAPPED IN ELECTRICAL TAPE, SMEARED WITH MOTOR OIL, AND TAPED OVER AGAIN.

SP 84617

CO 001374

JAN 30

AT 1149 HOURS, THE CONWAY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ARKANSAS SEIZED 123.5 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN FAULKNER COUNTY. THE HEWLETT, NEW YORK, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HEWLETT FROM FLAGSTAFF, ARIZONA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1998 LINCOLN TOWN CAR RENTAL WITH TENNESSEE PLATES. THE DRIVER REFUSED CONSENT TO SEARCH, SO OFFICERS UTILIZED A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE, WHICH ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK. EACH PACKAGE WAS WRAPPED IN CONTACT PAPER AND AIR FRESHENER.

JAN 30

AT 1730 HOURS, THE CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN NORTH CAROLINA SEIZED \$105,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A COLOMBIAN MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MIAMI FROM NEWARK, NEW JERSEY. THE SUBJECT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1998 CHEVROLET CAVALIER RENTAL BEARING NORTH CAROLINA PLATES. THIRTY-FIVE BUNDLES TOTALLING \$102,250 IN U.S. CURRENCY WERE FOUND IN A BLUE TRASH BAG WITHIN A GYM BAG LOCATED IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK. THE REST, COMPRISED OF \$2,500 U.S. CURRENCY, WAS FOUND IN THE SUBJECT'S JACKET. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE TRUNK.

JAN 30

AT 1000 HOURS, THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE SEIZED 152.4 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$3,593 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN CRAWFORD COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A LA MESA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, AND HER PASSENGER, A SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE TRAVELING TO BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA, FROM LA MESA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A FORD RENTAL TRUCK WITH MISSOURI PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THREE CARDBOARD BOXES CONTAINING MARIJUANA AMONG A LOAD OF FURNITURE LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE TRUCK. THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND ON THE PASSENGER.

SP 84618

CO 001375

FEB 01

THE SULPHUR SPRINGS POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 56 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND 2.5 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING IN HIS 1994 DODGE INTREPID BEARING ILLINOIS PLATES. THE HANOVER PARK, ILLINOIS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM DALLAS, TEXAS. THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND WRAPPED IN PLASTIC AND DUCT TAPE, IN A WOOL BLANKET, INSIDE TWO SUITCASES, LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. CARPET FRESH AND DRYER SHEETS WERE USED AS MASKING AGENTS.

FEB 01

AT 2200 HOURS, THE CHAMBERS COUNTY NARCOTICS TEXAS TASK FORCE SEIZED 100 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 NEAR WINNIE. THE JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS AND TO DETROIT, MICHIGAN, FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1996 FORD EXPEDITION WITH MISSISSIPPI PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE COCAINE WAS FOUND IN TWO DUFFLE BAGS LOCATED BEHIND THE PASSENGER SEAT. THE DRUGS WERE WRAPPED IN CLEAR CELLOPHANE AND THE LETTER 'I' HAD BEEN PRESSED INTO THE COCAINE PACKAGES.

FEB 02

AT 0745 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 104 GRAMS OF MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE NAYARIT, MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1989 MERCURY MARQUIS WITH MEXICO PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE HEROIN HIDDEN IN THE FRESH AIR VENT OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

FEB 03

AT 2144 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 600,000 DOSAGE UNITS OF ROHYPNOL FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-35 IN MCLENNAN COUNTY NEAR HEWITT. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TEXAS, FROM PHARR, TEXAS. THE PHARR-- RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1989 DODGE RAM CHARGER WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND IN THE SPRINGS OF THE REAR SEAT OF THE TRUCK.

SP 84619

CO 001376

FEB 03

AT 1400 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.4 KILOGRAMS OF BLACK TAR HEROIN AND \$1,266 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE ST. LOUIS RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1997 DODGE VAN BEARING MISSOURI PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A REQUEST FOR A CONSENSUAL SEARCH WAS DENIED. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTED TO THE RIGHT FRONT FLOORBOARD OF THE VEHICLE WHERE THE CONTRABAND WAS FOUND.

FEB 03

THE GREGG COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED 607 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-20 NEAR LONGVIEW. BOTH SUBJECTS, RESIDENTS OF SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA, WERE TRAVELING TO SHREVEPORT FROM DALLAS, TEXAS. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1993 LEXUS WITH LOUISIANA PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND THE DRUGS IN A PLASTIC BAG HIDDEN UNDERNEATH THE PASSENGER SEAT. TWO PISTOLS WERE ALSO SEIZED.

FEB 04

AT 2304 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 726 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE FROM THREE MALES AND ONE FEMALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-20 IN VAN ZANDT COUNTY. THE DALLAS AND LONGVIEW, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE FEMALE PASSENGER'S 1995 PONTIAC SUNFIRE WITH TEXAS PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH REVEALED 726 GRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE FOUND IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. A CARBINE RIFLE WAS ALSO SEIZED.

FEB 04

AT 1015 HOURS, THE UTAH HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 3.9 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE AND 280 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 NEAR NEPHI. THE MONTERREY PARK, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SANDY, UTAH, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. HE WAS DRIVING A 1987 TOYOTA COROLLA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE REVEALED THE HEROIN WRAPPED IN CLEAR PLASTIC BAGGIES LOCATED BEHIND THE REAR SEAT.

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FEB 04

AT 1630 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.8 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A SPRINGDALE, ARKANSAS, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A PRAIRIE GROVE, ARKANSAS, RESIDENT WERE COMING FROM SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1989 FORD TAURUS WITH ARKANSAS PLATES. A CONSENT TO SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, REVEALED THE METHAMPHETAMINE HIDDEN IN THE VEHICLE'S SPEAKERS.

FEB 05

AT 1320 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 19,980 DOSAGE UNITS OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A HACIENDA HEIGHTS, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO SACRAMENTO FROM LOS ANGELES. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE PASSENGER'S 1996 BUICK RIVIERA BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND 272 BOTTLES OF PSEUDOEPHEDRINE LOCATED IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

FEB 07

AT 0911 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 5.5 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 59 IN PANOLA COUNTY. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1987 TOYOTA LAND CRUISER WITH TEXAS PLATES AND WERE EN ROUTE TO MARSHALL, TEXAS, FROM HOUSTON. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENT TO SEARCH ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT FOUND THE COCAINE HIDDEN IN THE FRONT DIFFERENTIAL OF THE VEHICLE.

FEB 07

AT 1410 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 179 GRAMS OF MEXICAN BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON STATE ROUTE 86 IN IMPERIAL COUNTY. THE BRAWLEY, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO BRAWLEY FROM INDIO, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE.

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SECTION FIVE OF FIVE SECTIONS

TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1981
CHEVROLET CITATION WITH CALIFORNIA
PLATES. A PAT DOWN SEARCH OF THE
PASSENGER REVEALED THE CONTRABAND
HIDDEN IN HIS BOOT ALONG WITH \$1,967
IN U.S. CURRENCY FOUND IN HIS WALLET.
A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND
ALERTED.

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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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 01/31/98

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JAN 14 AT 1450 HOURS, THE PHELPS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSOURI SEIZED 106 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44. THE SEARCHLIGHT, NEVADA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO KENT, OHIO, FROM TUCSON, ARIZONA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1995 MAZDA BEARING NEVADA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND 8 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WRAPPED IN CONTACT PAPER.

JAN 15 AT 1800 HOURS, THE CROSS TIMBERS NARCOTIC TASK FORCE IN TEXAS SEIZED 25 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM THREE MALES AND ONE FEMALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 281 IN PALO PINTO COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1995 FORD F350 PICKUP WITH TEXAS PLATES, EN ROUTE TO GARFORD, TEXAS, FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH DISCLOSED THE COCAINE, WRAPPED IN YELLOW PLASTIC, IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT, INSIDE THE PICKUP TRUCK'S TOOLBOX. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

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JAN 19

AT 1505 HOURS, THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE POLICE SEIZED 109 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES, ONE A JAMAICAN, TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80 IN MONROE COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A QUEENS, NEW YORK, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A WATERBURY, CONNECTICUT, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO QUEENS FROM ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1995 GMC TRACTOR, TOWING A 1989 REFRIGERATED TRAILER, BOTH HAD OKLAHOMA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA HIDDEN IN CARDBOARD BOXES WITH BOXES OF BODY WASH. THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN STYROFOAM SHEETS, SHRINK WRAPPED AND SOAKED IN VINEGAR TO MASK THE ODOR. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

JAN 22

AT 1320 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 989 GRAMS OF BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES AND ONE MEXICAN FEMALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN SHASTA COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO EUGENE, OREGON, FROM PARAMOUNT, CALIFORNIA. THE DRIVER, A PARAMOUNT RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGERS, ONE A BEUCAVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA, RESIDENT AND THE OTHER AN EL MONTE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WERE TRAVELING IN A 1987 FORD TAURUS WITH OREGON PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE HEROIN WRAPPED IN DUCT-TAPE. POWDERED SOAP AND FABRIC SOFTENER WERE USED AS MASKING AGENTS.

JAN 23

AT 1525 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 7 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN KERN COUNTY. THE PITTSBURGH, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO PITTSBURGH FROM HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1994 NISSAN SENTRA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENT TO SEARCH WAS OBTAINED. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED UNDER THE REAR SEAT WHERE THE COCAINE WAS FOUND.

JAN 23

AT 0037 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 251 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING ON U.S. HIGHWAY 281 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A COMPANY-OWNED KENWORTH TRACTOR-TRAILER BEARING TENNESSEE PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF 26 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA INSIDE DUFFEL BAGS AT THE NOSE OF THE TRAILER AND IN THE SLEEPER AREA OF THE

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JAN 25 AT 0145 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.7 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A FEMALE AND A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY. THE STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO STOCKTON FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1991 NISSAN STANZA WITH OREGON PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND A METAL BOX THAT WAS GLUED TO THE FLOORBOARD UNDER THE BACK SEAT OF THE VEHICLE. ACCESS WAS GAINED BY LIFTING THE REAR PASSENGER SEAT.

JAN 26 THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 10.6 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING IN HIDALGO COUNTY NEAR BROWNSVILLE. THE BROWNSVILLE RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1994 CHEVROLET CAMARO WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE REVEALED THE COCAINE.

JAN 26 AT 1530 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED 398 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM TWO 17-YEAR-OLD JUVENILE MALES TRAVELING IN COOK COUNTY. THE CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A STOLEN 1990 BUICK CENTURY WITH ILLINOIS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, REVEALED THE HEROIN ON THE FRONT SEAT UNDER THE ARM REST. THE SUBJECTS ATTEMPTED TO FLEE ON FOOT. BUT WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL.

JAN 26 AT 1115 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 114 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN COCONINO COUNTY. THE AURORA, COLORADO, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1998 TOYOTA CAMRY WITH COLORADO PLATES, EN ROUTE TO AURORA FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA. A CONSENT TO SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, REVEALED THE BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA LOCATED IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK. THE BUNDLES WERE WRAPPED IN SARAN WRAP AND CONTACT PAPER. AIR FRESHENER WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

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JAN 26

AT 1231 HOURS, THE BALDWIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN ALABAMA SEIZED 122 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO ORLANDO, FLORIDA, DRIVING A 1991 MERCURY WITH FLORIDA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE MARIJUANA WAS FOUND IN A BOX ON THE REAR SEAT AND IN FIVE GARBAGE BAGS IN THE TRUNK.

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JAN 27

AT 1049 HOURS, THE CONWAY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ARKANSAS SEIZED 10 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND IN FAULKNER COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SAVANNAH, TENNESSEE, FROM CALIFORNIA. THE SAVANNAH RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1983 OLDSMOBILE WITH TENNESSEE PLATES. A TOTAL OF ELEVEN PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE WERE FOUND IN THE VEHICLE'S ROCKER PANELS. ACCESS WAS GAINED BY REMOVING THE ROCKER PANEL GUARDS. THE PACKAGES WERE WRAPPED IN SARAN WRAP, A LAYER OF DETERGENT, THEN MORE PLASTIC WRAP, FABRIC SOFTENER SHEETS AND DUCT TAPE. TWO DRUG-DETECTION CANINES FAILED TO ALERT ON THE VEHICLE.

JAN 27

AT 1210 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 136 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING ON I-20 IN EASTLAND COUNTY. THE CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1996 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN WITH MEXICO PLATES. THE SUBJECT WAS EN ROUTE TO ONTARIO, CANADA FROM CHIHUAHUA, MEXICO. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE DRUGS IN A FALSE FLOOR.

JAN 27

AT 1300 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED \$344,291 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-57 IN EFFINGHAM COUNTY. THE DETROIT, MICHIGAN, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, FROM DETROIT. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING HIS 1992 DODGE PICKUP WITH MICHIGAN PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CURRENCY INSIDE THE SPARE TIRE IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP TRUCK.

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JAN 27

AT 1630 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 203 GRAMS OF MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN FROM THREE MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE PANORAMA CITY, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LAS VEGAS, NEVADA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE DRIVING A 1996 SATURN WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENT TO SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, FOUND THE HEROIN UNDER THE REAR SEAT OF THE VEHICLE.

JAN 27

AT 2355 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 3.4 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM THREE MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-5 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGERS, ONE A CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND THE OTHER, A PACOIMA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WERE COMING FROM SAN BERNARDINO TRAVELING IN A 1994 NISSAN MAXIMA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE IN A BACKPACK LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. A FURTHER SEARCH OF A RESIDENCE BY THE OFFICERS, RESULTED IN DISCOVERING A METHAMPHETAMINE LAB.

JAN 27

AT 2020 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 1.6 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10. THE SOUTH GATE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1995 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THREE TINFOIL-WRAPPED LOAVES OF METHAMPHETAMINE, INSIDE AN OREO COOKIE BOX, THAT WAS IN A BROWN PAPER BAG, LOCATED IN THE VEHICLE'S TRUNK.

JAN 28

AT 2000 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED \$100,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 83. THE TAMAUlipAS, MEXICO, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO, FROM SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS. THE SUBJECTS ORIGINALLY ARRIVED IN LAREDO, TEXAS, FROM SAN ANTONIO, BY BUS AND SUBSEQUENTLY BOARDED A TAXICAB WHICH WAS STOPPED FOR A TRAFFIC VIOLATION. A DUFFLE BAG CONTAINING THE CURRENCY WAS SEIZED.

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JAN 28

AT 0030 HOURS, THE SHELBY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TENNESSEE SEIZED 103 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40. THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, FROM LOS ANGELES. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1998 FORD WINDSTAR RENTAL VAN WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE MARIJUANA IN NYLON BAGS ON THE FLOORBOARD OF THE VAN.

JAN 28

AT 1900 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON SR91 IN RIVERSIDE COUNTY. THE RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CORONA, CALIFORNIA, FROM RIVERSIDE. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1987 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND ONE PACKAGE OF METHAMPHETAMINE IN THE RIGHT FRONT SEAT AND TWO ADDITIONAL PACKAGES BEHIND A PANEL IN THE TRUNK. A DRUG DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED.

JAN 29

AT 1217 HOURS, THE ILLINOIS STATE POLICE SEIZED 2.6 KILOGRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-80 IN BUREAU COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS IN HIS 1997 FORD TAURUS BEARING ILLINOIS PLATES, EN ROUTE TO DAVENPORT, IOWA, FROM CHICAGO. AFTER BEING STOPPED BY OFFICERS, THE MOTORIST THREW A BLACK BAG OUT THE WINDOW CONTAINING THE CRACK COCAINE AND FLED THE SCENE IN THE VEHICLE.

JAN 29

AT 1120 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 141 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON STATE ROUTE 86 IN IMPERIAL COUNTY. THE MEXICALI, MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO BANNING, CALIFORNIA, FROM MEXICALI. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1976 FORD PICKUP TRUCK WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. AFTER A CONSENT TO SEARCH WAS OBTAINED, A DRUG DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE GAS TANK WHERE THE CONTRABAND WAS HIDDEN.

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JAN 29

AT 1815 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY. THE SPRINGFIELD, OREGON, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1987 NISSAN MAXIMA WITH OREGON PLATES. HE WAS EN ROUTE TO EUGENE, OREGON, FROM SANTA CLARITA, CALIFORNIA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE IN A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT BUILT UNDER THE REAR SEAT OF THE VEHICLE. COFFEE GROUNDS WERE USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

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JAN 29

AT 0425 HOURS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 8 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A COLOMBIAN MALE AND A VENEZUELAN MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN SHERMAN COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK, NEW YORK, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1997 FORD TAURUS RENTAL WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. SUBSEQUENT TO THE TRAFFIC STOP, OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE WRAPPED IN BROWN DUCT TAPE AND MEXICAN NEWSPAPER, INSIDE LUGGAGE IN THE TRUNK.

JAN 29

AT 0025 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 3.6 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN MARICOPA COUNTY. THEY WERE EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE DRIVER, A VISALIA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1990 CHEVROLET LUMINA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A CONSENT TO SEARCH REVEALED A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE GAS TANK OF THE VEHICLE. ACCESS WAS GAINED THRU A 6" X 6" ACCESS PANEL IN THE RIGHT FRONT CORNER OF THE TRUNK. FRESH BONDO AND PAINT WAS OBSERVED AND THE CARPET WAS GLUED IN PLACE. THE TANK HAD FRESH WELDING ADHESIVE DRIPPING OFF IT. THE DRUGS WERE DUCT-TAPED IN ZIPLOCK BAGS FILLED WITH AXLE GREASE.

JAN 30

AT 0810 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 477 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-20 IN NOLAN COUNTY. THE ODESSA, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING HIS 1987 FORD PICKUP WITH TEXAS PLATES, EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TEXAS, FROM ODESSA. A CONSENT TO SEARCH RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND HIDDEN IN THE BED OF THE PICKUP UNDER A METAL COVER.

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JAN 31

AT 2340 HOURS, THE KIMBLE COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 11.8 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN KIMBLE COUNTY. THE DRIVER, AN EL PASO, TEXAS, RESIDENT, AND HIS PASSENGER, A PECOS, TEXAS, RESIDENT, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1984 MERCURY WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE COCAINE THAT WAS FOUND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE FLOORBOARD OF THE VEHICLE. THE COCAINE WAS PACKAGED IN ONE POUND BUNDLES.

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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.

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JAN 17 AT 2308 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 5.2 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-30. THE DALLAS, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS TRAVELING IN A 1992 FORD THUNDERBIRD BEARING TENNESSEE PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENT TO SEARCH RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF THE CONTRABAND. NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

JAN 18 AT 0110 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.9 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A MEXICAN COUPLE TRAVELING WITH A 3-YEAR-OLD CHILD GOING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY. THE PASCO, WASHINGTON, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO PASCO FROM MEXICO TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1991 CHEVROLET LUMINA BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND UNDER THE REAR SEAT OF THE VEHICLE. THE DRUGS WERE VACUUM PACKED AND WRAPPED IN TIN FOIL.

JAN 18 AT 0801 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED \$139,900 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10 IN ORANGE COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A DENVER, COLORADO, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A DECATUR, ALABAMA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON, TEXAS, FROM ATLANTA, GEORGIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1995 KENWORTH TRACTOR WITH ILLINOIS PLATES TOWING A TRAILER LOADED WITH FURNITURE. OFFICERS FOUND THE CURRENCY INSIDE A BACKPACK LOCATED IN THE SLEEPER AREA OF THE TRACTOR. A GLOCK .45 CALIBER AND A JENNINGS 9MM WEAPON WERE ALSO SEIZED.

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JAN 19

AT 1220 HOURS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$237,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70 IN THOMAS COUNTY. THE BEAUFORT, NORTH CAROLINA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1989 TOYOTA RENTAL TRUCK WITH MINNESOTA PLATES, EN ROUTE TO CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, FROM SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CURRENCY IN TWO DUFFEL BAGS, ONE INSIDE A TOOL BOX LOCATED IN THE CARGO AREA OF THE TRUCK, THE OTHER IN THE CAB AREA.

JAN 20

AT 2018 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 753 GRAMS OF MEXICAN BLACK TAP HEROIN FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE ABERDEEN, WASHINGTON, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO WASHINGTON STATE FROM SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE PASSENGER'S 1986 CHEVROLET BLAZER BEARING WASHINGTON PLATES. A CONSENT TO SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT REVEALED A PACKAGE OF HEROIN HIDDEN INSIDE A SPARE TIRE THAT WAS LAYING IN THE BACK OF THE BLAZER.

JAN 22

AT 1121 HOURS, THE SEVIER COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN UTAH SEIZED 3.6 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-70. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 BUICK WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES, EN ROUTE TO DENVER, COLORADO, FROM ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA. EIGHT PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE WERE FOUND WRAPPED IN CLEAR CELLOPHANE HIDDEN BEHIND THE REAR SEAT.

JAN 24

AT 1020 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 1.9 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON STATE ROUTE 152 IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THE FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, FROM FRESNO. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1993 FORD THUNDERBIRD WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE LOCATED IN THE LEFT REAR QUARTER PANEL OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

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DEC 30 AT 2335 HOURS, THE KANSAS HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$115,700 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING IN SEPARATE VEHICLES, GOING WESTBOUND ON I-70 IN SALINE COUNTY. THE DRIVER OF THE LOAD VEHICLE, A LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT, WAS DRIVING A 1993 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN WITH OKLAHOMA PLATES. THE ESCORT VEHICLE, A 1992 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN WITH MISSOURI PLATES, WAS DRIVEN BY A HUNTINGTON PARK, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WHO WAS FOUND CARRYING \$6,000. THE OWNERS OF THE VEHICLES WERE NOT PRESENT. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CALIFORNIA FROM ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON BOTH VEHICLES. OFFICERS FOUND ELEVEN BUNDLES OF CURRENCY INSIDE THE LOAD VEHICLE, TOTALING \$109,700 HIDDEN IN THE JACK COMPARTMENT OF THE VAN.

JAN 02 AT 1410 HOURS, THE NEVADA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 3.4 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80. THE STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MARSHALLTOWN, IOWA, FROM STOCKTON, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1989 FORD THUNDERBIRD BEARING IOWA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH SUBSEQUENT TO A TRAFFIC STOP, RESULTED IN A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERTING ON THE REAR SEAT AREA WHERE OFFICERS FOUND FIVE, DUCT-TAPE WRAPPED, BUNDLES OF METHAMPHETAMINE HIDDEN IN THE REAR STEREO SPEAKERS.

SP 84633

CO 001390

JAN 05

AT 2030 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 5.4 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM TWO MALES, ONE A MEXICAN NATIONAL, TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, AN ONTARIO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WERE TRAVELING IN A 1990 HONDA ACCORD BEARING IDAHO PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO IDAHO FROM ONTARIO. A CONSENT TO SEARCH ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT REVEALED THE DRUGS IN THE LEFT REAR QUARTER PANEL OF THE VEHICLE.

JAN 06

AT 1540 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$250.000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON SR86 IN IMPERIAL COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A FONTANA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, FROM ANAHEIM. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1996 CHEVROLET PICKUP WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND TWO DUCT-TAPED PACKAGES OF CURRENCY LOCATED INSIDE THE SPARE TIRE OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED.

JAN 06

AT 0057 HOURS, THE SOUTHERN NEVADA TASK FORCE IN LAS VEGAS SEIZED 4 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A MEXICAN MALE AND A FEMALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND IN CLARK COUNTY. THE ST. ANTHONY, IDAHO, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO RIGBY, IDAHO, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1988 PONTIAC BONNEVILLE BEARING IDAHO PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND THE DRUGS CONCEALED IN THE DRIVER SIDE ROCKER PANEL WHICH HAD AN OPENING THAT WAS SEALED WITH BONDO. AIR FRESHENER AND SLICED RED ONIONS WERE USED AS MASKING AGENTS.

JAN 06

AT 1400 HOURS, THE GLENDALE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ARIZONA SEIZED 450 GRAMS OF MEXICAN BROWN HEROIN FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON DUNLAP AT I-17 IN MARICOPA COUNTY. THE PHOENIX, ARIZONA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1985 OLDSMOBILE WITH ARIZONA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH, INCIDENT TO ARREST OF A FUGITIVE, FOUND THE HEROIN IN SMALL BALLS WRAPPED WITH BLACK ELECTRICAL TAPE, IN SANDWICH BOXES, UNDER THE BACK SEAT OF THE VEHICLE.

SP 84634

CO 001391

JAN 07

AT 1900 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 2.8 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM TWO MALES, ONE A MEXICAN NATIONAL, TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO COLORADO FROM RIVERSIDE. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1987 LINCOLN CONTINENTAL BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENT TO SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, REVEALED THE DRUGS HIDDEN IN THE QUARTER PANEL OF THE VEHICLE.

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JAN 07

AT 1330 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$150.925 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MEXICAN NATIONAL TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-5 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE DONNEY, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1995 GMC ASTROVAN WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO RAMONA, CALIFORNIA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH WAS OBTAINED AND THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND IN THE TIRE JACK COMPARTMENT, LOCATED INSIDE THE RIGHT, REAR, SIDE OF THE VEHICLE.

JAN 07

AT 1627 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 9.3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN TEHAMA COUNTY. THE TACOMA, WASHINGTON, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO TACOMA FROM SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA. OFFICERS FOUND THE METHAMPHETAMINE HIDDEN IN THE SPARE TIRE OF THE SUBJECT'S 1994 MITSUBISHI ECLIPSE BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES.

JAN 08

AT 0915 HOURS, THE MARLINEN POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 118 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO COUPLES TRAVELING ON U.S. 77 IN CAMERON COUNTY. THE SUBJECTS WERE DRIVING A 1986 NISSAN MINIVAN WITH TEXAS PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND THE DRUGS CONCEALED UNDER A FALSE FLOOR THAT EXTENDED FROM THE REAR AREA TO THE FIREWALL. EACH BRICK OF MARIJUANA WAS COMPARTMENTALIZED IN ITS OWN SHEET METAL BOX. A TOTAL OF THIRTY SHEET METAL BOXES WERE RECOVERED FROM THE SMUGGLING COMPARTMENT. THE COMPARTMENT WAS CUSTOMIZED IN MICHIGAN, MEXICO.

SP 84635

JAN 09 AT 1020 HOURS, THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$200,250 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO DOMESTIC MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-95 IN NASH COUNTY. THE PATERSON, NEW JERSEY, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI, FLORIDA, FROM NEW JERSEY. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A RENTED 1997 PONTIAC GRAND AIR BEARING NEW YORK PLATES. A CONSENT TO SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTING CANINE ALERT, REVEALED THE CURRENCY IN LUGGAGE LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE.

JAN 11 AT 1230 HOURS, THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE SEIZED 3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN CIBOLA COUNTY. THE MCFARLAND, CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1989 FORD ESCORT BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENT TO SEARCH REVEALED THREE PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE HIDDEN IN THE REAR FENDERS OF THE VEHICLE.

JAN 11 AT 0021 HOURS, THE BLANDING POLICE DEPARTMENT IN UTAH SEIZED 137 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON HWY 191 IN SAN JUAN COUNTY. THE TUCSON, ARIZONA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A RENTAL TRUCK WITH UNKNOWN REGISTRATION, EN ROUTE TO MICHIGAN FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA. OFFICERS FOUND SEVENTEEN CLEAR CELLOPHANE WRAPPED BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA IN FIVE MOVIE BOXES INSIDE THE TRUCK.

JAN 12 AT 1615 HOURS, THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 306 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 301 IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THE FARMERSBURG, IOWA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A COMPANY-OWNED 1994 PETERBILT TRACTOR PULLING A 1995 TRAIL KING TRAILER BORN BEARING MINNESOTA PLATES. A CONSENT TO SEARCH OF THE TRACTOR-TRAILER RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF THE CONTRABAND.

JAN 12 AT 1551 HOURS, THE PHELPS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSOURI SEIZED 104 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA AND \$3,200 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-44. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, FROM SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA. THE DRIVER, A PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A SAN BERNARDINO RESIDENT, WERE TRAVELING IN A 1998 TOYOTA TACOMA. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTING CANINE ALERT, REVEALED THE MARIJUANA INSIDE A

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JAN 12

AT 1003 HOURS, THE HAWAIIAN STATE POLICE SEIZED \$250,510 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-25 IN CECIL COUNTY. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MIAMI FROM NEW JERSEY DRIVING A 1994 FORD AEROSTAR VAN WITH FLORIDA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A PROBABLE CAUSE SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE SEIZURE OF THE CURRENCY FOUND HIDDEN IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE FLOOR OF THE VEHICLE. THE CURRENCY WAS WRAPPED IN TEN FOIL, AND CELLOPHANE, AND SEALED WITH CREASE. THE SUBJECT HAD FLOWN FROM MIAMI TO NEW JERSEY TO TRANSPORT THE CURRENCY BY-VEHICLE- BACK TO MIAMI. -

JAN 13

THE EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED \$102,131 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10. THE LA BELLE, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A RENTED VEHICLE WITH FLORIDA PLATES AND WAS EN ROUTE TO LA BELLE FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON \$85,000 UNDER THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT. THE REMAINDER OF THE CURRENCY WAS FOUND IN THE INSIDE POCKET OF THE SUBJECT'S JACKET.

JAN 14

THE FT. LEE POLICE DEPARTMENT IN NEW JERSEY SEIZED \$400,000 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM THREE COLOMBIAN MALES TRAVELING IN BERGEN COUNTY. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MIAMI FROM NEW YORK, NEW YORK. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1991 FORD VAN WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENT TO SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, REVEALED THE CURRENCY HIDDEN IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE FLOOR OF THE VEHICLE.

JAN 14

AT 2330 HOURS, THE DEARBORN POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED \$200,320 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10 IN JEFFERSON COUNTY. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO HOUSTON FROM NEW ORLEANS. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1994 NISSAN MAXIMA WITH LOUISIANA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. OFFICERS FOUND TWO HIDDEN COMPARTMENTS, ONE LOCATED BEHIND THE REAR SEAT AND THE OTHER IN THE REAR BUMPER WHERE THE CURRENCY WAS SEIZED. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE CURRENCY.

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JAN 14

AT 2120 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 153 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A COLOMBIAN MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON HIGHLAND STREET IN SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA. THE SAN BERNARDINO RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA, FROM SAN BERNARDINO. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A COMPANY-OWNED CHEVROLET BLAZER BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND FOUR CARDBOARD BOXES AND ONE PLASTIC BAG CONTAINING COCAINE INSIDE THE VEHICLE. THE KILOGRAMS HAD THE MARKINGS OF 'OASIS', 'MARCELLO'97', AND A PICTURE OF TWEETY BIRD. A DRUG DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

JAN 14

AT 2345 HOURS, THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE SEIZED 13.7 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 54 IN OTERO COUNTY NEAR ALAMAGORDO. THE ROSWELL, NEW MEXICO, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1978 CHEVROLET WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS DISCOVERED THE COCAINE CONCEALED IN METAL BOXES BOLTED TO THE TWO REAR WHEEL RIMS. THE BOXES WERE SEALED IN BONDO AND SILICONE. THE 12 PACKAGES CONTAINING COCAINE WERE WRAPPED IN GRAY DUCT TAPE AND CLEAR PLASTIC WRAP, SEQUENTIALLY NUMBERED, AND MARKED WITH THEIR RESPECTIVE WEIGHTS.

JAN 14

THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 2.5 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-10 IN MARICOPA COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1990 NISSAN MAXIMA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA, FROM LOS ANGELES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT LOCATED ON THE BACK OF THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT. INSIDE THE FALSE COMPARTMENT WERE FIVE PINK SARAN WRAPPED PACKAGES. THE FALSE COMPARTMENT WAS OPERATED BY A SWITCH CONNECTED TO A WIRE RUNNING FROM THE CIGARETTE LIGHTER TO THE UNDERSIDE OF THE PASSENGER SEAT. A DRUG DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE DRUGS.

JAN 14 AT 1400 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 10 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MEXICAN MALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON SR 99 IN KERN COUNTY. THE PACOIMA, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, FROM PACOIMA. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING A 1993 FORD VAN BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE COCAINE LOCATED IN FOUR HIDDEN COMPARTMENTS LOCATED IN THE VAN'S FLOORBOARD. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED.

JAN 15 AT 1220 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 6.5 KILOGRAMS OF MEXICAN BLACK TAP HEROIN FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-5 IN SACRAMENTO COUNTY. THE SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO YACON, WASHINGTON, FROM MEXICO. THE SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1987 CADILLAC SEDAN BEARING CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE DRUGS WERE HIDDEN IN A 3'X 5" SHEET METAL COMPARTMENT LOCATED IN THE UNDER CARRIAGE OF THE VEHICLE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE FLOOR PAN OF THE VEHICLE.

JAN 15 AT 1538 HOURS, THE JIM WELLS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS SEIZED \$891.620 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON U.S. 291 NEAR ALICE. THE CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A 1996 HONDA ACCORD WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES AND WAS EN ROUTE TO RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS, FROM CALIFORNIA. OFFICERS FOUND A FALSE COMPARTMENT BEHIND THE DRIVER SEAT OF THE VEHICLE WHERE THE CURRENCY WAS SEIZED. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE VEHICLE.

JAN 15 AT 2156 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 260 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN YAVAPAI COUNTY NEAR SELIGMAN. THE ANGOLAN DRIVER, A HILLSDALE, NEW JERSEY, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A ELIZABETH, NEW JERSEY, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO BROOKLYN, NEW YORK, FROM HUGHSON, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A COMPANY-OWNED 1988 INTERNATIONAL TRACTOR WITH OKLAHOMA PLATES PULLING A 1987 TRAILER WITH NEW JERSEY PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE TRAILER WAS NOT PRESENT. SUBSEQUENT TO A TRAFFIC STOP, A SEARCH OF THE

VEHICLE REVEALED THE COCAINE INSIDE
TWO BOXES CONCEALED IN THE REAR OF
THE TRAILER. INSIDE THE BOXES, THERE
WERE TWENTY BUNDLES WITH TEN KILO
BRICKS IN EACH ONE. EACH BRICK WAS
INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED IN GREEN
CELLOPHANE AND GREY DUCT TAPE.

JAN 16

AT 1951 HOURS, THE NASHVILLE POLICE
DEPARTMENT IN TENNESSEE SEIZED 5
KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM THE TRUCKS
TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN
DAVIDSON COUNTY. THE DRIVER WAS A
JUVENILE MALE RESIDENT OF DEER
GARDENS, CALIFORNIA. THE PASSENGER
WAS A MALE RESIDENT OF HARTINGTON
PARK, CALIFORNIA. THE TWO WERE EN
ROUTE TO WINSTON-SALEM, NORTH
CAROLINA, FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA. THE
SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1992
NISSAN SENTRA BEARING ARIZONA PLATES.
THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT
PRESENT. OFFICERS NOTICED THAT THE
REAR SEAT WAS LOOSE AND THE SEAT
UNIT SCREWS WERE LOOSE AND SCRATCHED.
A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH FOUND TEN ONE
POUND PACKAGES OF COCAINE THAT WERE
WRAPPED WITH CLEAR SEALING TAPE AND
BROWN SHIPPING TAPE HIDDEN IN THE
VEHICLE'S GAS TANK. THE PACKAGES WERE
NUMBERED 1 THROUGH 10 IN BLACK MARKER.
A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED BUT
DID NOT ALERT.

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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DEC 19 AT 1047 HOURS, THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE SEIZED 499 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA, SOUTHBOUND ON ARMP IN CRITTENDEN COUNTY. THE SUSPECT VEHICLE, A 1997 FORD EXPEDITION WITH TENNESSEE PLATES, ENDED UP IN A LAKE AS A RESULT OF A HIGH SPEED CRASH. THE DRUGS WERE FOUND IN 16 BLACK AND BLUE COMPRESSED BAGS THAT WERE INSIDE THE VEHICLE. THE SUBJECT ASSUMED AND WAS ABLE TO ESCAPE.

JAN 04 AT 1335 HOURS, THE NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE SEIZED 172 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-25 IN SIERRA COUNTY. THE EL PASO, TEXAS RESIDENT WAS DRIVING IN A 1988 PLYMOUTH VAN BEARING TEXAS PLATES EN ROUTE TO ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO, FROM EL PASO, TEXAS. OFFICERS FOUND 286 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WRAPPED IN BROWN PAPER TAPE CONCEALED IN A HIDDEN COMPARTMENT LOCATED UNDER THE VAN'S CARGO FLOOR AREA.

SP 84641

CO 001398

JAN 05

AT 0230 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED \$825,140 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MEXICAN COUPLE TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON I-35 IN OKLAHOMA CITY. THE BAJA CALIFORNIA, MEXICO, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO MEXICO FROM PENNSYLVANIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1996 PLYMOUTH WITH ARIZONA PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, RESULTED IN THE DISCOVERY OF 90 BUNDLES OF CURRENCY WRAPPED IN BUBBLE CELLOPHANE AND DRYER SHEETS LOCATED IN THE DASH COMPARTMENT OF THE VEHICLE.

JAN 05

AT 0845 HOURS, THE PANHANDLE REGIONAL NARCOTICS TASK FORCE IN AMARILLO, TEXAS, SEIZED 259 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-40 IN POTTER COUNTY. THE MODESTO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A RENTED 1996 TOYOTA MOTORHOME WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES, EN ROUTE TO FLORIDA FROM CALIFORNIA. AFTER A REFUSAL TO A VEHICLE SEARCH, A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE REAR OF THE MOTORHOME. FIFTEEN THREE BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WERE FOUND HIDDEN IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT UNDER THE BED, IN THE REAR OF THE MOTORHOME. THE SUBJECT STATED THAT HE USUALLY TRAVELS WITH A FEMALE COMPANION TO GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF A RETIRED COUPLE. THIS WAS HIS THIRD TRIP.

JAN 06

AT 2230 HOURS, THE LA JOYA POLICE DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS SEIZED 739 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA ON U.S. 83, EASTBOUND IN LA JOYA. THE SUSPECT VEHICLE, A 1991 CHEVROLET PICKUP BEARING TEXAS PLATES, WAS ABANDONED AFTER A PURSUIT BY POLICE OFFICERS. THE MARIJUANA WAS LOCATED IN THE BED OF THE TRUCK. THE SUBJECTS REMAIN AT LARGE.

JAN 07

AT 1500 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 114 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE RESIDENT OF ODESSA, TEXAS, TRAVELING 5 MILES WEST OF HOOKER ON HIGHWAY 54 IN TEXAS COUNTY. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND IN THE TRUNK OF THE 1993 FORD BEARING TEXAS PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT.

SP 84642

CO 001399

JAN 07

AT 1011 HOURS, THE OKLAHOMA HIGHWAY
PATROL SEIZED 102 KILOGRAMS OF
MARIJUANA AND \$1,600 IN U.S. CURRENCY
FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON
I-40 IN POTTAWATOMIE COUNTY. THE
TANLEQUAH, OKLAHOMA, RESIDENT WAS
DRIVING A 1994 FORD F350 RENTAL TRUCK
WITH MICHIGAN PLATES. A DRUG-
DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED
ON THE VEHICLE. OFFICERS FOUND THE
MARIJUANA IN FRONT OF THE CARGO AREA
HIDDEN BEHIND, AND UNDERNEATH, SOME
FURNITURE. AN ELECTRONIC SCALE WAS
ALSO SEIZED.

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SECTION 1 OF 3

SUBJECT: OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
OPERATION CONVOY

HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 01/03/98

PLEASE PASS TO ALL HIGHWAY INTERDICTION PERSONNEL

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NOTICE REPORT

- DEC 06 AT 2111 HOURS, THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE SEIZED 99 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND ON THE NEW JERSEY TURNPIKE IN UNION COUNTY. THE BALTIMORE, MARYLAND, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO BALTIMORE FROM NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1994 NISSAN WITH MARYLAND PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. THE HEROIN WAS FOUND IN THE PASSENGER'S CROTCH AREA.
- DEC 15 AT 1535 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 262 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A COUPLE TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE DERRY, NEW HAMPSHIRE, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. THE SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN A 1993 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN BEARING NEW HAMPSHIRE PLATES. THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE WAS NOT PRESENT. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH OFFICERS FOUND THE DRUGS INSIDE A SUITCASE. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED TO THE LUGGAGE.
- DEC 19 AT 1443 HOURS, THE EL PASO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IN TEXAS, SEIZED \$267,706 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10. THE TUCSON, ARIZONA, RESIDENT WAS DRIVING A RENTED 1997 OLDSMOBILE EIGHTY-EIGHT BEARING ILLINOIS PLATES EN ROUTE TO TUCSON FROM HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CURRENCY WITHIN PAPER SACKS INSIDE A BRIEFCASE AND A GARMENT BAG LOCATED IN THE TRUNK OF THE VEHICLE. \$18,000 WAS FOUND IN A LEATHER POUCH ATTACHED TO HIS RIGHT LEG. A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE WAS USED AND ALERTED ON THE LUGGAGE. AIR DEODORIZER WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.
- DEC 21 AT 1722 HOURS, THE LUBBOCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS, SEIZED 294 GRAMS OF BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM TWO MEXICAN MALES TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON U.S. 62/82. THE SUBJECTS WERE EN ROUTE TO LUBBOCK TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1986 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN BEARING NEW MEXICO PLATES. OFFICERS FOUND A PLASTIC BAG WITH INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED BALLS OF HEROIN CONCEALED IN THE CENTER CONSOLE OF THE VEHICLE. A .380 COLT AUTO WEAPON WAS ALSO FOUND INSIDE A COAT THAT WAS DRAPED ON THE

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SUBJECT: [REDACTED], OPERATION INTERSTATE PIPELINE
[REDACTED], OPERATION CONVOY
HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 01/03/98
FRONT PASSENGER SEAT.

DEC 21 AT 1745 HOURS, A DEPUTY CONSTABLE WITH THE HARRIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN TEXAS, SEIZED 60 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE IN HOUSTON. THE SUSPECT VEHICLE, A 1989 MAZDA PICKUP UP BEARING TEXAS PLATES, ATTEMPTED TO ELUDE AND EVADE LAW ENFORCEMENT AS IT FLED. THE VEHICLE THEN STOPPED AND THE SUBJECTS FLED ON FOOT. OFFICERS WERE ABLE TO APPREHEND THE DRIVER, A HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT. AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE REVEALED THE DRUGS WRAPPED IN CELLOPHANE, LOCATED IN THE BED OF THE TRUCK.

DEC 22 AT 1940 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 165 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM AN ABANDONED VEHICLE AFTER THE OFFICER ATTEMPTED A TRAFFIC STOP IN THE WESTBOUND LANE OF U.S. 57 IN ZAVALA COUNTY. THE VEHICLE WAS A 1988 VOLKSWAGON FOX WITH TEXAS PLATES. AN INVENTORY SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE REVEALED THE MARIJUANA IN THE BACK SEAT, AND TRUNK, OF THE VEHICLE.

DEC 26 AT 1600 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 418 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING WESTBOUND ON I-10 IN PINAL COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS DRIVING HIS 1978 EL DORADO MOTORHOME WITH ARIZONA PLATES EN ROUTE TO PHOENIX, ARIZONA, FROM TOHONO O'ODHAM RESERVATION, ARIZONA. DURING A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND THE CONTRABAND HIDDEN IN THE MOTORHOME'S BATHROOM AND CLOSETS.

DEC 29 AT 1430 HOURS, THE DEEP EAST REGIONAL NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING TASK FORCE IN NACOGDOCHES, TEXAS, SEIZED 16.3 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 52

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THE LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS
WERE EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA,
FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS. THEY WERE
TRAVELING IN THE DRIVER'S 1986 NISSAN
PICKUP WITH GEORGIA PLATES. DURING A
SENSUAL SEARCH, OFFICERS FOUND 30
PACKAGES OF METHAMPHETAMINE WRAPPED IN
DUCT TAPE HIDDEN IN THE SPARE TIRE.
OFFICERS NOTICED THAT THE SPARE TIRE
WAS A 15-INCH TIRE WITH 5 LUG HOLES IN
THE WHEEL. THE FOUR TIRES MOUNTED ON
THE VEHICLE WERE 14-INCH WITH 6 LUG
HOLES.

DEC 29 AT 1859 HOURS, THE NEBRASKA STATE
PATROL SEIZED APPROXIMATELY 250
KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE
TRAVELING EASTBOUND ON I-80 IN
LANCASTER COUNTY. THE SUBJECT WAS
DRIVING A 1997 FORD RENTAL VAN WITH
CALIFORNIA PLATES EN ROUTE TO CHICAGO,
ILLINOIS, FROM PHOENIX, ARIZONA. A
CONSENT TO SEARCH ALONG WITH A DRUG-
DETECTION CANINE ALERT REVEALED THE
DRUGS LOCATED IN THE FRONT OF THE
TRAILER, CONCEALED INSIDE BOXES BEHIND
SOME FURNITURE.

DEC 31 AT 1855 HOURS, THE NEW YORK STATE
POLICE SEIZED 78 GRAMS OF HEROIN FROM
A PUERTO RICAN COUPLE TRAVELING

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 01/03/98
EASTBOUND ON I-95 IN WESTCHESTER
COUNTY. THE NEW LONDON, CONNECTICUT,
RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO NEW LONDON
FROM NEW YORK CITY, NEW YORK. THE
SUBJECTS WERE TRAVELING IN THE
DRIVER'S 1988 MAZDA RX7 WITH NEW YORK
PLATES. A CLEAR PLASTIC BAG
CONTAINING 185 DECKS OF HEROIN WITH
THE MARKING OF 'UPS' WAS FOUND INSIDE
THE PASSENGER'S PANTS.

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AT 2303 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 204 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTHBOUND ON U.S. 281 IN JIM WELLS COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A MERCEDES, TEXAS, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A MISSION, TEXAS, RESIDENT, WERE TRAVELING IN A COMPANY OWNED 1995 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR, WITHOUT TRAILER, BEARING TEXAS PLATES. NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

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HIGHWAY DRUG INTERDICTION WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT
WEEK ENDING 05/23/98

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ON APRIL 23, AT 1952 HOURS, THE OKFUSKEE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN OKLAHOMA SEIZED 5.4 KILOGRAMS OF METHAMPHETAMINE (METH) FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40. THE DELANO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO SALLISAW, OKLAHOMA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN HIS 1995 CHEVROLET MONTE CARLO WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A GOLF BAG, IN THE TRUNK.

ON MAY 11, AT 1115 HOURS, THE SOUTHERN NEVADA TASK FORCE SEIZED 2.3 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-15 IN CLARK COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A WILLMAR, MINNESOTA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A RESIDENT OF BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA, WERE EN ROUTE TO MINNESOTA FROM BAKERSFIELD IN A 1982 MERCURY SEDAN WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF 6 DUCT TAPE WRAPPED PACKAGES OF METH BEHIND THE DASHBOARD.

ON MAY 11, AT 1230 HOURS, THE VILLA RICA/CARROLL INTERSTATE TASK FORCE IN GEORGIA SEIZED 418 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-20 IN CARROLL COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A PALM COAST, FLORIDA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, RESIDENCE UNKNOWN, WERE EN ROUTE TO TAMPA, FLORIDA, FROM LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, IN A FORD TRACTOR, MODEL YEAR NOT REPORTED, TOWING A REFRIGERATED TRAILER. BOTH VEHICLES WERE OWNED BY THE DRIVER AND BORE FLORIDA PLATES. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE TRACTOR'S SLEEPER COMPARTMENT.

SP 84649

CO 001406

ON MAY 12, AT 0656 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 6.9 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-10 IN ST. MARTIN PARISH. THE HOUSTON, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS, IN A 1997 MITSUBISHI MIRAGE WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN A BOX, IN THE TRUNK.

ON MAY 14, AT 1932 HOURS, THE LOWNDES COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA SEIZED 25 KILOGRAMS OF CRACK COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-75. THE NEW YORK, NEW YORK, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO NEW YORK VIA ATLANTA, GEORGIA, FROM MIAMI, FLORIDA, IN A RENTED 1998 LINCOLN NAVIGATOR WITH GEORGIA PLATES. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN FALSE COMPARTMENTS IN THE CARGO AREA.

ON MAY 14, AT 1930 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 31 GRAMS OF BLACK TAR HEROIN FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY. THE SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO ENCINITAS, CALIFORNIA, FROM CHULA VISTA, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1989 NISSAN SENTRA WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND INSIDE THE GLOVE BOX.

ON MAY 14, AT 2100 HOURS, THE CAMDEN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN GEORGIA SEIZED \$1,600.00 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE TRAVELING SOUTH ON I-95. THE NEW YORK, NEW YORK, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO MIAMI FROM NEW YORK IN A RENTED 1998 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS WITH PENNSYLVANIA PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN DUFFEL BAGS IN THE TRUNK.

ON MAY 14, AT 2320 HOURS, THE LOUISIANA STATE POLICE SEIZED 116 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-10 IN ST. MARTIN PARISH. THE MALE DRIVER, A MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON, MEXICO, RESIDENT AND HIS FEMALE PASSENGER, A LAREDO, TEXAS, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO FLORIDA FROM HOUSTON, TEXAS, IN A 1997 DODGE NEON WITH NUEVO LEON, MEXICO, PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE TRUNK.

ON MAY 15, AT 1420 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 158 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-35 IN ELLIS COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A SANDIA, TEXAS, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A MATHIS, TEXAS, RESIDENT, WERE EN ROUTE TO DALLAS, TEXAS, FROM MATHIS IN A 1996 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE MARIJUANA PACKED WITHIN DUFFEL BAGS IN THE CARGO BED OF THE TRUCK.

ON MAY 16, AT 1839 HOURS, THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 16 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN COCONINO COUNTY. THE LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO TENNESSEE FROM LOS ANGELES IN A 1996 TOYOTA CAMRY WITH TENNESSEE PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE TRUNK, UNDER THE SPARE TIRE.

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CO 001407

ON MAY 17, AT 0200 HOURS, THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED \$139,170 IN U.S. CURRENCY FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING WEST ON I-40 IN SUTTON COUNTY. THE EL PASO, TEXAS, RESIDENTS WERE IN A 1987 NISSAN WITH TEXAS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CURRENCY WITHIN A FALSE COMPARTMENT IN THE TRUNK.

ON MAY 18, AT 0700 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 6.4 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-5 IN YOLO COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A PORTLAND, OREGON, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A BELLEVUE, WASHINGTON, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO PORTLAND FROM SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA, IN THE DRIVER'S 1986 HONDA ACCORD WITH OREGON PLATES. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH IN THE RIGHT REAR QUARTER PANEL.

ON MAY 18, AT 1011 HOURS, THE TENNESSEE STATE POLICE SEIZED 113 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING EAST ON I-40 IN HAYWOOD COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A BROWNSVILLE, TEXAS, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A TERRACEIA, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION FROM LAREDO, TEXAS, IN A 1983 FREIGHTLINER TRACTOR WITH TEXAS PLATES AND A 1987 LUFKIN TRAILER (NFI). THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN THE REAR OF THE TRAILER. GREASE AND POWDERED MUSTARD WERE USED AS MASKING AGENTS.

ON MAY 18, AT 1431 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 4.5 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON US-101 IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY. THE KING CITY, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO GILROY, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1984 FORD TEMPO WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH WITHIN THE SLEEVES OF A JACKET IN THE TRUNK.

ON MAY 18, AT 1900 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 6.7 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-15 IN SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. THE SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO UTAH FROM LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1990 MAZDA 929 WITH UTAH PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A CONSENSUAL SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE METH WITHIN A FALSE FLOOR COMPARTMENT (NFI).

ON MAY 19, AT 0410 HOURS, THE BARSTOW POLICE DEPARTMENT IN CALIFORNIA, SEIZED 9 KILOGRAMS OF METH FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON I-15. THE DRIVER, A SAN BERNARDINO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A COLTON, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO DES MOINES, IOWA, FROM FONTANA, CALIFORNIA, IN THE DRIVER'S 1990 MERCURY COUGAR WITH IOWA PLATES. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND WITHIN THE RIGHT AND LEFT REAR SPEAKERS.

SP 84651

CO 001408

ON MAY 19, AT 0848 HOURS, THE HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN MISSISSIPPI, SEIZED 129 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM A MALE TRAVELING EAST ON I-10. THE LA FERIA, TEXAS, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO FLORIDA FROM HARLINGEN, TEXAS, IN HIS 1985 CHEVROLET PICKUP TRUCK WITH TEXAS PLATES TOWING A 1990 BAYLINER, 19' FIBERGLASS BOAT, WITH HIS 1994 BOAT TRAILER. BOTH TRUCK AND TRAILER BORE TEXAS PLATES. THE BOAT WAS REGISTERED IN FLORIDA. THE BOAT'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND BENEATH THE BOAT'S CENTER CONSOLE.

ON MAY 19, AT 0850 HOURS, THE NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 6 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE TRAVELING NORTH ON I-95 IN NASH COUNTY. THE MIAMI, FLORIDA, RESIDENT WAS EN ROUTE TO BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, FROM MIAMI IN A 1993 FORD TAURUS WITH MASSACHUSETTS PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN A COMPARTMENT CREATED WITH THE INSTALLATION OF A FALSE FLOORBOARD OVER THE ORIGINAL. ACCESS TO THIS COMPARTMENT WAS ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED (NFI). GREASE WAS USED AS A MASKING AGENT.

ON MAY 19, AT 1450 HOURS, THE CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL SEIZED 64 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE FROM A MALE AND FEMALE TRAVELING NORTH ON SR-86 IN IMPERIAL COUNTY. THE MALE DRIVER, AND HIS FEMALE PASSENGER, BOTH EL CENTRO, CALIFORNIA, RESIDENTS WERE EN ROUTE TO INDIO, CALIFORNIA, FROM CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA, IN A 1991 OLDSMOBILE CUTLASS WITH CALIFORNIA PLATES. A SEARCH, ALONG WITH A DRUG-DETECTION CANINE ALERT, LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND IN A FALSE COMPARTMENT BENEATH THE REAR SEAT.

ON MAY 21, AT 1200 HOURS, ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SEIZED 104 KILOGRAMS OF MARIJUANA FROM TWO MALES TRAVELING NORTH ON SR-85 IN MARICOPA COUNTY. THE DRIVER, A WHY, ARIZONA, RESIDENT AND HIS PASSENGER, A TOHONO O'ODHAM INDIAN NATION, ARIZONA, RESIDENT WERE EN ROUTE TO AN UNKNOWN DESTINATION FROM TOHONO O'ODHAM IN A 1984 MERCURY SEDAN WITH ARIZONA PLATES. THE VEHICLE'S OWNER WAS NOT PRESENT. A SEARCH LED TO THE DISCOVERY OF THE CONTRABAND, DIVIDED INTO 30 BRICKS, IN THE TRUNK.

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