



RELEASE DATE:

March 14th 2008

Large Drug Seizures - Cash and Marijuana

On Friday, February 29th 2008 at 7:20 PM, Sergeant Ed Van Buren of the DCSO K9 Drug Interdiction Division stopped a Westbound tractor-trailer rig at I 80 and Harrison for speeding and other traffic offenses. Reviewing the driver's logbook indicated that he had a suspicious entry and after consent to search was granted, K9 Tango detected the odor of narcotics near the front of the trailer. A search disclosed 35 plastic vacuum-sealed bundles of currency amounting to \$709,980 dollars concealed in the front interior wall of the trailer. The driver disclaimed any knowledge of the money and was released. The currency was seized as proceeds of illegal narcotics transactions.

On Wednesday, March 12th 2008 at 11:28 AM deputies of the DCSO K9 Drug Interdiction Division stopped a 2007 Toyota Sienna van with Vermont license plates Eastbound on I 80 at 60th Street for erratic driving. While speaking to the two male occupants Sergeant Ed Van Buren smelled the odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. When asked for permission to search the occupants declined and K9 Kubo conducted a sniff of the vehicle, alerting to the presence of controlled substances. A search of the van disclosed the presence of 359 pounds of baled marijuana hidden in duffle bags in the rear of the van. The occupants were both charged with Possession with Intent to Deliver Marijuana.

On Friday, March 14th 2008 at 9:04 AM Deputy Dave Wintle of the DCSO K9 Drug Interdiction Division stopped a 2007 Chevrolet van traveling Eastbound on I 80 at Q Street for failing to signal lane change. The driver denied consent to search and K9 Kubo conducted a sniff of the vehicle alerting to the presence of controlled substances. A search of the contents of the van disclosed 916 pounds of baled marijuana hidden in large Home Depot boxes. The driver was arrested for Possession with Intent to Deliver Marijuana.