

# **Midwest HIDTA Interdiction Bulletin**

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### Jackson County, Kansas - .4 pounds fentanyl

On 06-25-2021, at 1039 hours, Kansas Highway Patrol stopped a **2016 Dodge Charger, Texas** registration LLK3692, on northbound US-75 near mile marker 179, for speeding. Contact made with driver, Jose PEREZ, w/m, 07-24-1992, and passenger, Jonathan Matthew PEREZ, w/m, 12-19-1994, both residents of Crystal City, TX; who indicated they were traveling from *Crystal City, TX to Orr, MN*. A search of the vehicle yielded .4 pounds of fentanyl located beside the front passenger seat (NSS# 16729002). The point of contact is Lt. Dax Lewis (785)296-5967. *CJK 2021-108* 

### Wabaunsee County, Kansas - 90.4 pounds marijuana

On 06-25-2021, at 1041 hours, Kansas Highway Patrol stopped a **rented 2021 Nissan Armada**, **California registration 8U0M700**, on eastbound I-70 near mile marker 342, for following too close. Contact made with the driver, **Rafael Ernesto ORTIZ III, w/m, 07-24-1991, resident of Cape Coral, FL, and passenger, Christopher Luis GARCIA, w/m, 08-25-1990, resident of Lehigh Acres, FL**; who indicated they were traveling from *Los Angeles, CA to Lexington, KY*. A search yielded **90.4 pounds of marijuana located inside duffel bags and suitcases in the rear cargo area (NSS# 16728936)**. The point of contact is Lt. Dax Lewis (785)296-5967. *CJK 2021-108* 



## Sherman County, Kansas – 50 pounds marijuana

On 06-26-2021, at 0851 hours, Kansas Highway Patrol stopped a **2017 Chrysler 300, Kentucky registration 890ZBB**, on eastbound I-70 near mile marker 25, for a lane violation. Contact made with the driver, Larry O. STEFF, w/m, 10-31-1948, and passenger, Samuel TEJEDA-PICHEL, w/m, 12-14-1994, both residents of Shelbyville, KY; who indicated they were

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traveling from *Colorado Springs, CO to Louisville, KY*. A search of the vehicle yielded **50 pounds of marijuana located inside two large duffel bags in the trunk (NSS# 16729098)**. The point of contact is Lt. Dax Lewis (785)296-5967. *CJK 2021-108* 



Ellsworth County, Kansas – 8 pounds methamphetamine

On 06-29-2021, at 1944 hours, Kansas Highway Patrol stopped a **2015** Nissan Altima, California registration 7MFL350, on eastbound I-70 near mile marker 221, for speeding. Contact was made with the driver, Amanveer SINGH, w/m, 01-29-1993, resident of Ceres, CA, and passenger, Belisario ESCALERA-PARRA, w/m, 05-14-1987, resident of Winton, CA; who indicated they were traveling from *Ceres, CA to Indianapolis, IN*. A search yielded 8 pounds of methamphetamine located inside a suitcase in the trunk (NSS# 16730176). The point of contact is Lt. Dax Lewis (785)296-5967. *CJK 2021-108* 



Wabaunsee County, Kansas – 85.5 pounds THC edibles, 4050 grams THC oil (Vape Cartridges) and 24 grams marijuana

On 07-06-2021, 2317 hours, Kansas Highway Patrol stopped a **rented 2020 Infiniti QX-6**, **California registration 8NAD899**, on eastbound I-70 near mile marker 345, for following too close. Contact made with the driver, **Charles F SASSONE**, w/m, 05-04-1987, resident of Van **Nuys**, CA, and passenger, Amir Ali BAGHALLIAN, w/m, 01-18-1995, resident of West Hills, CA; who indicated they were traveling from *Los Angeles, CA to Atlanta, GA*. A search yielded 85.5 pounds THC edibles, 4050 grams THC oil (Vape Cartridges), and 24 grams marijuana located inside cardboard boxes and trash bags on the back seat and in the rear cargo area (NSS# 16734570). The point of contact is Lt. Dax Lewis (785)296-5967. *CJK 2021-108* 



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