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## **Media Release**

### **Enforcement Stop for a Red Light Violation Leads to Three Felony Drug Arrests**

On Monday evening, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, at approximately 10:37 pm, a trooper with the Nevada Highway Patrol initiated an enforcement stop on a silver 2012 Ford Focus on Sierra Street near the east bound off ramp from Interstate 80. The vehicle at just exited the freeway and the driver was stopped for disobeying a red traffic signal light located at the end of the off ramp.

Driving the car was 35-year-old Jamall T. Miller of Sparks and he had two passengers from California riding in the vehicle with him; 32-year old Cozy P. Jones III of Stockton, and 29-year-old Jennifer L. Valenzuela of Bella Vista. As the trooper was speaking to Miller, he could smell a very strong odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. The sedan had been rented by Jones and Miller was not listed on the rental car contract agreement.

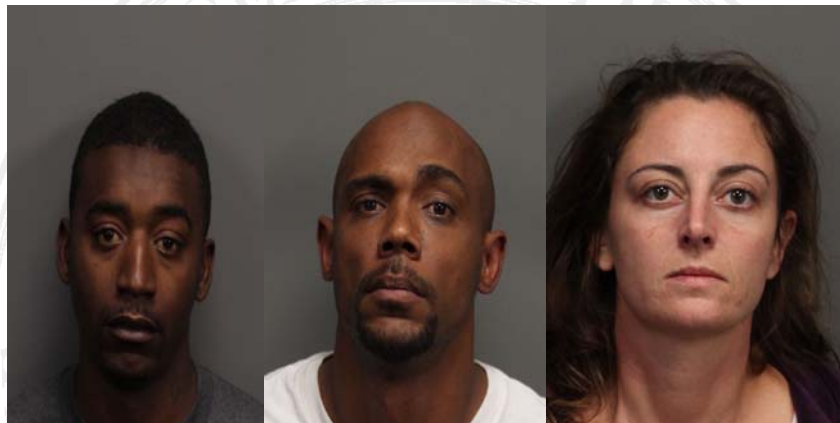
The trooper asked if there was any marijuana in the car and Miller stated there wasn't. Due to the obvious odor coming from the car, the trooper then asked if he could search the car and he was told no. A drug detecting police dog from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office was requested and the K-9 gave a positive alert for drugs to his handler. A request for a search warrant was applied for and granted by the Reno Justice Court. The subsequent search of the vehicle yielded 253.1 grams (over half a pound) of cocaine and 426 grams (almost one pound) of marijuana. One pound is equivalent to 453.59 grams.

All three subjects were placed under arrest and transported to the Washoe County Detention Facility and booked on the following charges all of which are felonies:

- Possession of marijuana with intent to sell
- Possession of marijuana
- Transportation of marijuana
- Possession of cocaine
- Trafficking cocaine

The total bail for each subject was listed at \$82,000. As of today, October 10<sup>th</sup>, Jones and Venezuela are still in custody while Miller provided bail and has been released.

Their booking photos are attached and were provided by W.C.S.O.



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