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## **Media Release**

### **SANTINO'S FARMERS MARKET MARKETING MORE THAN PRODUCE**

The North Central Narcotics Task Force has concluded an investigation with the arrest of the owner of the Santino's Farmers Market, Christopher A. Stephenson, age 61 on multiple counts of violations of Nevada's Controlled Substance Act.

Mr. Stephenson was arrested out of his place of business, which is located at 787 W. Williams Ave., in Fallon, Nevada. The North Central Narcotics Task Force conducted several undercover controlled purchases of Marijuana. Mr. Stephenson personally sold the Marijuana to the undercover operative along with other items purchased at the market and even charged tax for all the items purchase including the Marijuana.

Mr. Stephenson was booked at the Churchill County Sheriff's Office Jail on charges of multiple counts of Sales of Controlled Substance (Marijuana); Maintaining a Place for the Sale of Controlled Substances; multiple counts of Possession for Sales of Marijuana and Sales of Controlled Substances Within One Thousand Feet of a School, namely; the West End Elementary School. Additional charges are pending further investigation by the North Central Narcotics Task Force. Mr. Stephenson is being held on ninety thousand dollars (\$90,000.00) bail.

The arrest of Mr. Stephenson was conducted with the assistance of uniformed officers from Fallon Police Department and the Churchill County Sheriff's Office. The North Central Narcotic Task Force is comprised of investigators from the Churchill County Sheriff's Office, the Fallon Police Department and the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Investigation Division.

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