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Media Advisory

Routine Traffic Stop Leads to Felony Arrest

On Sunday, November 4, 2012, at approximately 9:02 hours, a trooper from the Nevada Highway Patrol conducted a traffic enforcement stop on a Black Mercedes Benz 4 door occupied by two, for speed, the vehicle was traveling eastbound on IR80 near mile marker 302 in Elko.

The trooper approached the vehicle and made contact with the driver who was identified by his Nevada Driver License as 35-year-old, William Dashawn Nixon out of Lorain Ohio, his male passenger was identified as 27-year-old, Lewis R. Price from Ohio. During the traffic stop the trooper noticed that Mr. Nixon appeared to be nervous and fidgeting in his seat during the stop while Mr. Price stared straight ahead without moving. The trooper noticed an odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. When asked, Mr. Nixon stated he had no marijuana in the vehicle. Mr. Nixon was asked to exit the vehicle and go to the right rear of his vehicle where he was given a citation for speed.

After the traffic stop was concluded and Mr. Nixon was free to go, the trooper asked Mr. Nixon again about the odor of marijuana in his vehicle. Mr. Nixon again stated there was no marijuana or any other kind of drugs in his vehicle and gave the trooper consent to search his vehicle. Mr. Nixon was given a written consent to search form which was explained to him he stated he understood and signed it. His vehicle was searched to make sure there were no drugs of any kind. Upon completion of the vehicle search the trooper found several sealed packages of marijuana inside the rear bumper.

Mr. Nixon and Mr. Price were placed under arrest and booked into Elko County Detention Center for the following charges; possession of controlled substance/marijuana, possession of controlled substance with intent to sell, and transport of controlled substance.

The amount of marijuana seized was approximately 7.5lbs.

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