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## **Media Release**

### **159 lbs. of Marijuana Found During Routine Traffic Stop**

On Thursday, May 22, 2013, a Trooper from the Nevada Highway Patrol stopped a Penske moving truck for a traffic violation near Winnemucca. The Trooper made contact with the driver, Mr. Earl Pointer, age 33, from California. When talking to the driver, the Trooper smelled an odor of alcohol coming from inside the vehicle. Field sobriety tests were conducted on Mr. Pointer, and he was subsequently arrested for DUI.

During the traffic stop, the Trooper also suspected criminal activity. A NHP K-9 was deployed around the truck and alerted to the presence of narcotics inside the vehicle. During a search of the vehicle, several large packages of marijuana were located in the cargo area of the truck. Approximately 159 lbs.

Mr Pointer was charged with:  
DUI 1<sup>st</sup>  
Possession of Controlled Substance  
Possession of Controlled Substance for Sales  
Trafficking of Controlled Substance Marijuana  
Transporting a Controlled Substance  
His total bail was \$56,127.

The female passenger, Ms. Venisha Estrada, age 37, from California, was also arrested and charged with:  
Possession of Controlled Substance  
Possession of Controlled Substance for Sales  
Trafficking of Controlled Substance Marijuana  
Transporting a Controlled Substance  
Her total bail was \$55,000

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