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## **Media Release**

### **Kansas Man Flees on Foot from Traffic Stop to Avoid Drug Arrest**

On Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 4:00 pm, a sergeant with the Nevada Highway Patrol conducted a traffic enforcement stop on Interstate 80 near the Mustang interchange, approximately four miles east of Sparks. The gold 2002 Mitsubishi Diamante was stopped for following another vehicle too closely and the lone motorist was identified by his Kansas identification card as 25-year-old Lonnie Scott Schaefer from Lawrence, Kansas.

While speaking to Schaefer about the reason for the traffic stop, several signs or indicators of criminal behavior were observed by the sergeant. He asked and received permission to search the car. Once a second trooper arrived on scene, the search was conducted and three pounds of marijuana were located inside the vehicle. As Schaefer was about to be placed into custody and arrested, he darted from the scene and proceeded on foot toward the Truckee River area adjacent to the freeway.

Several other troopers, as well as deputies from the Washoe County Sheriff's Office, to include RAVEN, responded to the area to locate the fleeing felon. The search lasted several hours and he was never located.

Schaefer is described as a white male adult, 5'11" tall, 190 pounds, and has short brown hair and blue eyes. He was wearing a white and blue horizontal striped short sleeve shirt, blue jeans, and tennis shoes.

Schaefer's vehicle was towed from the scene and taken to the impound yard, and the marijuana was placed into the NHP evidence vault. A request for an arrest warrant for numerous felony charges will be sent over to the Washoe County District Attorney's Office for review. Schaefer is also currently on parole from a previous robbery conviction in Kansas.

A photo taken from his Kansas identification card is attached.



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