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Traffic Enforcement Stop Leads to Drug Arrest on Interstate 80 East of Sparks

On Tuesday afternoon, March 13, 2012, at approximately 2:50 pm, a trooper with the Nevada Highway Patrol conducted a traffic enforcement stop on Interstate 80 near mile marker 26, approximately 6 miles east of Sparks. The driver of the 2011 Chevrolet Impala 4-door sedan was stopped for following another eastbound vehicle too closely or tailgating. When the trooper contacted the driver, 46-year-old Adam Castellanos of Boise, Idaho, he immediately smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle.

The trooper deployed his Department of Public Safety-NHP K-9 around the vehicle which alerted to the presence of narcotics. The trooper then made a request for a telephonic search warrant from the Sparks Justice Court and it was granted.

Located inside the vehicle were 24.49 pounds of marijuana as well as 12.1 grams of methamphetamine and 1.6 grams of cocaine. Mr. Castellanos was placed into custody and arrested without incident and transported to the Washoe County Detention Facility where he was booked on the following five felonies:

- Possession of Marijuana
- Transport of Marijuana
- Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Sell
- Trafficking in Methamphetamine
- Possession of Cocaine

The total bail for Mr. Castellanos was listed at 55,000 dollars and he is still in custody this afternoon.

Photos of the respective narcotics along with his booking photos are attached.



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