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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA**

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ON SUNDAY MAY 27, 2012 AT 8:36 PM. SAN BENITO POLICE OFFICERS RESPONDED TO THE LOS INDIOS POINT OF ENTRY IN REFERENCE TO A 30 YEAR OLD FEMALE (US CITIZEN) MARIA FRANCISCA ECHEVARRIA WHO WAS IN THE CUSTODY OF CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AGENTS AFTER SHE ATTEMPTED TO SMUGGLE NARCOTICS INTO THE COUNTRY. ACCORDING TO US CBP AGENTS THE FEMALE ARRIVED AT THE LOS INDIOS BRIDGE DRIVING A BLUE 2001 CHRYSLER PT CRUISER DISPLAYING TEXAS LICENSE PLATES, AND WAS REFERRED TO A SECONDARY INSPECTION. THERE CBP AGENTS DISCOVERED A TOTAL OF 43 BUNDLES OF MARIJUANA WRAPPED IN BLACK TAPE, AND LOCATED INSIDE A SPEAKER BOX. MARIJUANA SEIZED GAVE AN ESTIMATED WEIGHT OF 33.76 KILOS. ACCORDING TO CBP THE AMOUNT DID NOT MEET THE MINIMUM THRESHOLD FOR PROSECUTION BY THE US ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. MARIA F. ECHEVARRIA WAS PLACED UNDER ARREST AND CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA 200 LBS. OR LESS BUT MORE THAN 50 LBS. SECOND DEGREE FELONY AND TRANSPORTED TO THE CITY JAIL WHERE SHE WAS LATER ARRAIGNED BY MUNICIPAL JUDGE BEN YUDESIS. BOND ON MARIA FRANCISCA ECHEVARRIA WAS SET AT \$25,000.

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