



NEWS RELEASE

TRAVIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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Travis County Deputy Finds Over 72 Pounds Of Marijuana During Traffic Stop

On September 5, 2007, at 3:38 pm, a Travis County Deputy pulled over a Black 1996 Chevrolet Camaro traveling faster than the flow of traffic northbound in the 7900 block of IH 35 South. The Deputy is part of a Drug Interdiction Unit and during the stop he observed evidence that lead him to believe that the driver may have been involved in other illegal activity. The driver gave the deputy verbal consent to search the vehicle and during the search a duffel bag was found in the car that contained marijuana. The total weight of the marijuana found in the car was **72.38** pounds.

The Driver was identified as,

Frank Gabriel Martinez, Date of Birth 3-23-1987,

of Brownsville. Mr. Martinez was charged with Possession of Marijuana, Felony 2, and the bond was set at \$35,000.00.

The investigation revealed that Mr. Martinez was transporting the marijuana to Austin from Brownsville for another person, however, that person has not been identified.

A female passenger and her two year old child were released after the investigation revealed that she was not aware of the marijuana when they left Brownsville. Her information was given to Child Protective Services and she and the child were released.

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