



An image of a marijuana heist. Photo courtesy of Customs Border Protection

A 30-year-old man attempted to drive across the border at Otay Mesa with nearly 1,400 pounds of marijuana in the back of his truck, federal officials reported Wednesday.

Drug-sniffing dogs alerted [U.S. Customs and Border Protection](#) officers to the truck loaded with boxes and household goods as the driver was waiting in an inspection line at the Otay Mesa port of entry on Monday afternoon.

Upon further inspection, officers found 54 large packages containing 1,374 pounds of marijuana hidden inside the moving boxes, said Angelica De Cima, a spokeswoman for the federal agency.

The drugs had an estimated street value of more than \$824,000, she said.

The driver, a U.S. citizen whose name was withheld, was taken into custody and turned over to special agents with Homeland Security Investigations, De Cima said. Customs and Border Protection officers seized the truck and its contents, including the marijuana.

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