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### ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE DISCOVER ILLEGAL DRUGS

**LITTLE ROCK (11-10)** Officers from the Arkansas Highway Police (AHP) Division of the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department (AHTD) have uncovered a significant shipment of illegal drugs in a vehicle along Interstate 40, according to AHP Chief Ron Burks.

While on patrol Wednesday afternoon, November 9, 2011, a Highway Police officer observed a 2002 Toyota pickup truck commit a traffic violation and stopped it along Interstate 40 near Alma, in Crawford County. Subsequently, he and additional officers discovered approximately 15 pounds of hydroponic marijuana with an estimated value of \$264,000, and approximately 2 ounces of hash having an estimated value of \$4,000. The drugs were discovered in the bed of the truck.

The driver was identified as Thomas A. Blincoe, 44, of Fallbrook, California. Blincoe and a passenger, Chandelle M. Curtis, 40, of Moro Bay, California, were arrested for possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and are being held at the Crawford County Detention Center.

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