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Arkansas Highway Police Seize More Than 230 Pounds of Cannabis

ALMA (4-27) – During a safety and weight inspection of a tractor-trailer, Arkansas Highway Police discovered 232 pounds of cannabis, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

On Sunday, April 22, around 9:45 a.m., Arkansas Highway Police attempted to stop a commercial vehicle at the Alma Weigh Station on I-40 eastbound to conduct a routine vehicle safety and weight inspection. The vehicle failed to stop at which time a pursuit was initiated near mile marker 10.

Officers instructed the driver to return to the weigh station where a vehicle inspection was conducted. Officers noticed the driver appeared nervous, had discrepancies recorded in his log book, and observed trash bags in the back of the trailer that did not appear to be part of the legitimate load of produce.

After completing the inspection, officers obtained written consent from the driver to search the vehicle. The search revealed 201 bundles of cannabis weighing approximately 232 pounds. Officers confiscated the cannabis and arrested the driver and co-driver. Both were charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver. The vehicle was traveling from California to Tampa, Florida.

