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Arkansas Highway Police Seize 200 Pounds of Cannabis in Third Drug Bust

ALMA (5-08) – Arkansas Highway Police discovered 200 pounds of cannabis during a commercial vehicle motor carrier safety inspection, according to Arkansas Department of Transportation (ARDOT) officials.

On Sunday, May 6, at 12:00 p.m., Arkansas Highway Police conducting the safety inspection at the Alma Weigh Station on Interstate 40 eastbound seized approximately 200 pounds of cannabis found in the sleeper berth area of the commercial vehicle. A sleeper berth is a small compartment attached to the cab in which the driver can rest when taking a break.

The driver, 46-year-old Eduardo Ruiz of Miami, Florida, was transported to the Crawford County Detention Center and charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver and possession of drug paraphernalia.

The vehicle was operated by Rio Miel Transport, LLC of Miami, Florida. According to bills of lading, the load of refrigerated foods originated from Platteville, Colorado and was being delivered to Anniston, Alabama.

Arkansas Highway Police have completed five major drug seizures in the last six months at the Alma Weigh Station, located in Crawford County near the Arkansas/Oklahoma state line. An approximate total amount of 1,200 pounds of cannabis and 1,000 vials of cannabis oil were seized during these stops.