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K9 Effort leads to large seizure of Marijuana and Marijuana Edibles

On October 10, 2016, around 9:45 AM, a YCSO K9 deputy stopped a white 2017 Ford Fusion with Texas license plates for a moving violation travelling east I 40 near Ash Fork, Arizona. There were 2 occupants in the vehicle including the driver, 24-year-old Ronney Luna and his passenger, 23-year-old Brooke Newell. Both are residents of Texas. While speaking with the driver regarding the traffic violations, the deputy could detect a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle interior.



Luna

Newell

During a check of the vehicle to locate the source of the odor, 2 large bags containing marijuana were found in the trunk. In the back seat, the deputy located 2 bags of marijuana edibles which are candy and cookies made from THC - the main chemical in cannabis plants. The marijuana weighed 38 pounds and the edibles came in at 12 pounds.



Additionally, approximately ½ gram of cocaine was found in Newell's clothing which Luna claimed belonged to him.

As a result of the find, both Luna and Newell were arrested for charges including Possess Marijuana/Narcotic Drug for Sale, Transport/Sell Marijuana/Narcotic Drug, and Possession of Paraphernalia. Both remain in-custody, each on a \$50,000 bond.

Please note that the subject of Marijuana edibles has become a concern and public health issue in communities around the country. Some of that concern involves how these products are marketed to our youth. See <https://www.justthinktwice.gov/drug-alert-marijuana-edibles-0> for further information.

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