

BUTTE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE MEDIA RELEASE

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On 10-12-11 at approximately 8:00 PM, Deputy Joel Malinowski and Deputy Charlie Comer conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle towing a large enclosed trailer on the Skyway as it drove through the Town of Paradise. As Deputy Malinowski approached the vehicle he smelled the odor of marijuana coming from the trailer. Through his investigation Deputy Malinowski determined that the trailer was carrying marijuana and asked for the assistance of the Butte County Sheriff's Office Special Enforcement Unit. The Special Enforcement Unit arrived on scene and questioned Nadeem Khan, (21 years old) from Foster City, California about the marijuana smell emitting from his trailer. The investigation showed Khan had purchased the trailer with cash that day and was transporting marijuana from a grow site in Helltown to a home in Paradise. The investigation revealed the marijuana was being grown for a store that sells marijuana over the counter, in violation of California Proposition 215 and California law. Khan was ultimately arrested for transportation of marijuana, a felony. The trailer was taken to the Sheriff's Office where Special Enforcement Unit Deputies discovered that the trailer was loaded with Home Depot cardboard moving boxes front to back and floor to ceiling. Deputies found the trailer contained 189 cardboard boxes, each containing dried marijuana bud. The total net weight of the dried marijuana came to 1,966 pounds, which has a street value of 3.1 million dollars.



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