

# Operation Border Star Officer Intelligence Alert



El Paso JOIC

**Concealment Method / Currency Smuggling**

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THP Report # 03032-B

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Silver 2004 Nissan Frontier

LPN: Texas AN84814

VIN: 1N6DD26T04C437727

On 6/15/2011, while conducting surveillance on a suspected narcotics distribution point in Austin, Texas, Texas CID Agents and DEA Agents saw a Silver 2004 Nissan Frontier leave the distribution point. THP Troopers conducted a traffic stop on the truck at Burleson Road. After consent to search was granted, the troopers found bolts protruding from the undercarriage, and a canine alerted to the presence of unknown narcotics emitting from the quarter panels. CID Agents determined that the truck contained two false compartments behind the rear jump seats, which were locked with what appeared to be trunk latches and accessed electronically by turning the ignition key, pressing the brake, and pressing the cargo lamp switch. Approximately 92 bundles of currency were discovered inside one compartment, totaling \$107,320.00 in US Currency. The truck had a salvage title which is not registered to the driver. The truck's history indicates that it has been previously used for narcotics and currency smuggling. The truck and currency were seized, and the driver was arrested. Due to the continuing investigation, the information on the driver cannot be released.



**Jump Seat in Rear of Truck**



**Fuse Panel with Extra Wiring**

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**Closed Compartment**



**Open Compartment**



**Trunk Latch used to Lock Compartment**



**\$107,320 in US Currency Seized**

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