

Incident Involves: ☒ Physical Custody Arrest* ☐ Warrant Service* ☐ Stolen Vehicle* ☐ SI Complaint* ☐ Booking
☒ Drugs* ☐ Contraband Search ☐ Vehicle Impound* ☐ Weapons* ☐ SI Cancellation* ☐ Pursuit
☐ Vehicle/Property Inventory* ☐ Evidence* ☐ Citizen Assist ☐ Other
☐ DUI Report Attached ☐ Accident Report Attached *Requires Supplemental Fact Sheet

Case # 220700218	Reporting Officer Steve Salas #	Occurred 04/27/2007	Notified	Arrived	Completed
Location SR I-70, ref. post 160					
Agency Section 22		Address 1367 South Carbon Ave Price 84526			Phone

PEOPLE INVOLVED (0)

Subjects

0	Place of incarceration Emery County	Citation #					
Name(First) Rafael	Middle J	Last Alegria	Suffix	Alias			
Date of Birth: 08/27/1976	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile	Sex: M	Race: U	Height: 5'06"	Weight: 130	Eye Color: BRO	Hair Color: BLK
Social Security Number:		Driver License & State: B5638316 CA		Mustache, Marks, Tattoos, Etc:			
Residence Address Street 3781 Brazil Ct		City Pinale	State CA	Zip 94564	Residence Phone		
Employed by		Address		Employer Phone			

Witnesses & Victims

Involvement	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Witness	<input type="checkbox"/> Complainant	<input type="checkbox"/> Victim	<input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Statement
Name (first) Forrest	Middle Mathew	Last Anderson	DOB 08/23/1979	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adult <input type="checkbox"/> Juvenile	Sex M
Residence Address: Street Po Box 343		City Grimes	State CA	Zip 95950	Residence Phone
Employed by		Address		Employer Phone	

VEHICLES INVOLVED (1)

Vehicle 1 Red 2007 Explored	Plate OR018BFW	Expires	VIN 1FMZK051X7GA05738	Owner	Driver Rafael J alegria		
Vehicle Impounded <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		State Tax <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Towing Company: Central Supply		City: Green River	Yard Number:
Reason For Impound	<input type="checkbox"/> Improper Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Theft <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> No Utah Registration <input type="checkbox"/> DUI	<input type="checkbox"/> Expired Registration <input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned	<input type="checkbox"/> Reported Theft	<input type="checkbox"/> Possible Theft		
Released to/Towing Co: Central Supply		Hold on Vehicle Released		Reason For Hold: Rentedby Forrest's Wife			

NARRATIVE

SYNOPSIS:

On April 27, I stopped a red Ford SUV on Interstate 70 for no front license plate. During the traffic stop, I became suspicious of criminal activity and deployed my police dog on a narcotics sniff. The police dog indicated to drug odor and a search of the vehicle revealed approximately 14 pounds of high-grade marijuana. One male suspect was arrested and transported to the Emery county jail.

TRAFFIC STOP:

1. On April 27, 2007 at approximately 8:25 in the evening, I was traveling west on Interstate 70 when I saw a red colored SUV traveling east. As the vehicle passed me, I could not see a front plate on the vehicle. I got behind the vehicle and observed an Oregon license plate on the rear of the SUV. Knowing that Oregon requires two license plates, I activated my emergency lights. The vehicle came to a stop at milepost 160 east bound on I-70.

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2. I approached the vehicle on the passenger side and came into contact with two male occupants. I asked the male driver for his license. He provided me with a valid California license under the name Rafael Alegria. I asked the two males where they were going. The passenger stated they were going to Alabama. I asked if they were on vacation. The passenger stated they were going to his sisters wedding. The two males provided me with a Budget rental contract for the vehicle they were traveling in. The contract was under the name Rosa Anderson and was rented in San Francisco. I asked who rented the vehicle. The passenger stated his wife rented the vehicle. I asked him what her name was. He stated Rosa Anderson. While talking to the males, I noticed the interior of the vehicle contained an overwhelming odor of air freshener. I could see a bottle of febreze between the luggage in the rear and a can of Lysol on the rear floorboard. I explained to the two male occupants that I had stopped them for no front license plate, but since it was a rental I would not take any action. I asked them if they had air freshener inside the vehicle. They stated they did. I stated that was uncommon to smell an air freshener inside a rental vehicle. The male passenger stated he had not showered for several days and wanted to cover the odor. At approximately 8:27, I walked to the front of the vehicle to verify there was no front plate. Toward the bottom of the vehicle I could see an Oregon license plate. I returned to the front passenger window and told the two males that there was a plate on the vehicle. I handed them their licenses and rental contract. I told them they were good to go, but I would like to ask them a few more questions about their travels. I asked them if that was okay. The front seat passengers stated yes.
3. I asked the front seat passenger if his sister was getting married in Alabama. He stated no Georgia. I thought it was suspicious that he had changed the location from Alabama to Georgia. I asked them why they did not fly. The front seat passenger stated he did not trust flying after 9/11. I asked if they were friends. The passenger stated yes, that his wife would have come with him, but she was home with their new baby. I asked if they worked together. The passenger stated they worked at a bike shop. I asked the driver if he knew the passengers sister. He stated not really. I asked them when the wedding would be. He stated tomorrow evening. I did not think they would have enough time to make it to the wedding in less than 24 hours. I asked the passenger if he knew where the wedding was being held. He stated he did. I asked where. He stated he did not know that he would find out when he arrived. He then made the comment that he grew up in Alabama. I thought it was suspicious that he stated he knew where the wedding was then could not provide that information. I was also unsure of their destination. I asked them if they had anything illegal inside the vehicle. They stated no. I asked Rafael if he would mind stepping outside the vehicle so I could ask him a few more questions. He stated, "If you insist." I told him I would like him to if it was okay with him. He stated, "If you want me to." I stated, "Ya would you?" He opened the vehicle door and exited the vehicle.
4. Outside the vehicle, I explained to Rafael that I wanted to verify their stories. I asked him how long he knew the passenger. He stated several years. I asked him if he knew the sister's name. He stated he did not know. I asked how old the sister's baby was. He stated the baby was approximately one year old and that the baby and mother would be flying to Miami. He stated that he and he passenger would be traveling to Miami as their final destination. I thought it was suspicious that the passenger did not trust flying, but would allow his wife and child to fly. I asked if they would fly or drive home. He stated he did not know. Rafael asked if I had his license. I stated I have given it back to him. I asked Rafael for the passenger's name. He stated his name was Forrest Anderson. I asked him if all the luggage inside the vehicle belonged to him and Forrest. He stated, "He has his and I have mine." I asked him if he had anything illegal in his luggage. He stated no. I asked him if he had seen any marijuana in the vehicle. He stated no, not that he had seen. I asked Rafael if he would mind me talking to Forrest. He stated he would like to get back inside the vehicle. I told him he was welcome to do so.
5. At approximately 8:35, I approached Forrest and asked him if I could talk to him. He stated yes sir and explained that he needed to put his shoes on. Outside the vehicle, I asked Forrest if he had asked Rafael to travel with him to the wedding. He stated yes. He stated his wife could not make the trip because of their baby. I asked him if he wife was flying out to meet them. He stated no. I thought it was suspicious that Rafael stated the wife would fly out and Forrest stated she would not. I asked him if he knew whom his sister was marrying. He stated John. I asked him if he knew his last name. He did not know it. I asked Forrest if all the luggage inside the vehicle belonged to them. He stated it did. I asked him if there were any illegal drugs inside the vehicle. He stated no. I asked him if I could search the vehicle. He stated he did not want me to. He then asked why I was questioning them. I explained to him that there were several discrepancies in their story and I believed they may be transporting marijuana. I explained to him that I would deploy my police dog and that if he indicated to narcotic odor, we would proceed from there. He stated okay. I had Forrest stand in front of the vehicle. I approached Rafael inside the vehicle and explained to him that Forrest did not want me to search the vehicle. I asked him if he had any objection to me searching his belongings. He stated he did not want me to. I explained to him that I was going to deploy my police dog and asked him if he would turn the vehicle off and stand outside. Rafael rolled all the windows up, turned off the engine and exited the vehicle.
6. At approximately 8:43, I deploy Police Service Dog "Crash" on a narcotic search around the exterior of the red SUV. Crash and I started the search at the passenger rear corner of the vehicle and walked in a counter clockwise direction. Near the rear hatch back of the vehicle, Crash's searching would become more focused. He would place his nose up to the seam of the hatch back and intensely sniff. While walking past the front passenger door for the third time, Crash jumped up and placed his front paws on the vehicle door. He again began to intensely sniff. I began to pull him down from the door when he began scratching with his front paws. I recognized this behavior as Crash's indication to narcotic odor. I placed Crash inside my patrol car.
7. I approached Forrest and explained to him that my police dog was indicating to drug odor inside the vehicle. I explained to him that I was going to search the vehicle. I retrieved the key from Rafael and opened the rear hatch back. I opened a green suitcase positioned on the passenger side of the rear cargo area. Inside the suitcase were several large vacuum-sealed packages of marijuana.
8. I placed Rafael and Forrest in handcuffs and explained them their rights. I asked them if they understood their rights. They stated they did. Rafael was asking why I was arresting him. I explained to him that I did not know who the drugs belonged to. I began asking him more questions about who owned the marijuana. He stated he wanted to talk to his attorney.
9. Central Supply towed the vehicle to the Highway Patrol office in Green River. I conducted an inventory of the vehicle while Trooper Ken Colyar with the State Bureau of Investigations interviewed Rafael and Forrest. During the inventory, I located an identification tag on the green suitcase that held the marijuana. The identification tag indicated the luggage belonged to Carl Anderson from Grimes, California. Forrest Anderson's California driver license indicated he was from Grimes, California.
10. Later that evening, Ken informed me that Rafael had waived his right to an attorney and agreed to talk to Ken. Ken informed me that Rafael had stated that he was transporting the marijuana to repay a debt. He stated the he had borrowed the suitcase from Forrest's father and had placed the marijuana inside it as a deterrent. I made the decision to release Forrest and charge Rafael with the marijuana possession.
11. The total weight of the marijuana with packaging was 14 pounds. The marijuana was released to Ken Colyar and transported to the Grand County Sheriff's Office in Moab.

Attachments		Incident Status		Distribution			
		Open		County Attorney			
This report is accurate (Officer Signature)		Date	Reviewed by Sergeant	Date	Reviewed by Lieutenant	Date	Reviewed by Captain
							Date

PHYSICAL CUSTODY ARREST

Subject	Statute Violated	Charge
	58-37-8	POSS MARIJUANA WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE
	58-37a-5	POSS DRUG PARAPHERNALIA

DRUGS

Reason For Stop: Traffic Stop			Description of Stop:		
Direction of Travel: East		County: Emery	<input type="checkbox"/> Consent to Search		<input type="checkbox"/> Form Signed
Subjects in Vehicle: 2	Money Seized:	<input type="checkbox"/> Weapons	Origin: San Francisco	Destination: Georgia	
Paraphernalia Seized: Packaging					
Drugs Seized: marijuana	Other Name:	Weight: 14 Pound(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Manufactured Compartment	Place of Concealments: Luggage	Package Markings: Food Saver
Offense:		Country of Birth			
Other Package Marking:			Other Place of Concealment:		