

# NEWS RELEASE



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## DRUG INVESTIGATION

Abilene, TX. – On Saturday November 10, 2018, with the assistance of the Department of Public Safety Highway Patrol and the Department of Public Safety Criminal Investigations Division (C.I.D.) the Abilene Police Department’s Special Operations Division conducted a traffic stop on Interstate 20. During the investigation a K-9 was called to the traffic stop and alerted on the vehicle. A search of the vehicle revealed approximately 50 pounds of Marijuana, hidden in the vehicle. The driver was also in possession of Methamphetamine. It is believed that these drugs were coming to Abilene for distribution. The street value of this seizure is approximately \$225,000.00. The driver of the vehicle was identified as Nicole Ortiz and the passenger was identified as Justin Maldonado. These subjects were arrested and charged with the following offenses:



Nicole Lynn Ortiz, 29

- 3F Possession of Marijuana
- SJF Possession of Methamphetamine



Justin Adrian Maldonado, 24

- 3F Possession of Marijuana

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