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Drug Bust Yields Large Amounts of Money/Marijuana

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[REIDSVILLE, NC]— On Tuesday January 24, 2012, the Rockingham County Sheriff's Office, working in conjunction with the North Carolina Highway Patrol and the D.E.A., seized approximately 1100 pounds of Marijuana from 161 Cole Rd. Reidsville, NC. The Marijuana has an estimated street value of \$660,000.

Also seized as a result of this Search Warrant was several hundred thousand dollars in US currency, a firearm, a small amount of cocaine, a 2004 Nissan Titan, and a Jeep Liberty.

Arrested as a result of this investigation was Jose Manuel Bahena, 23, Esteban Valentin Rojas, 30, and Jose De Jesus Villa, 24. All three arrestees have been confirmed to be in the United States illegally from Mexico. Each was placed in the Rockingham County Jail under \$1,000,000 bond. They are scheduled to appear in court on Feb. 9th.

"This is a perfect example of how our porous U.S. southern borders effects Rockingham County, not just the Border States", said Sheriff Sam Page, "this is why I will continue to fight for increased security of our national borders. I would like to commend all those involved in this effort for a job well done."



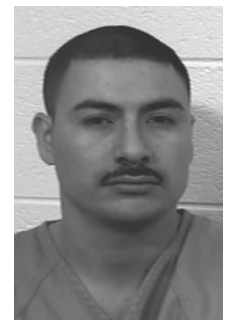
Photo of Marijuana Seized at 131 Cole Rd. Reidsville, NC
Left to Right—Sheriff Sam Page, CID Capt. Billy Parker



Jose De Jesus Villa



Jose Manuel Bahena



Esteban Valentin Rojas