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CBP Southbound Operations in Douglas Recovers \$70,000 Found in Tires

(Tuesday, December 15, 2009)

contacts for this news release

Douglas, Arizona - U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers stopped an illegal exportation of \$70,000 while screening traffic going into Mexico.

On December 13 at about 7 p.m., CBP officers were screening traffic going into Mexico as part of a southbound operation. The officers selected a 2008 Chevrolet Cheyenne being driven by a 28-year-old man from Magdalena, Sonora, Mexico.

Utilizing high-tech equipment, CBP officers discovered that the man was attempting to smuggle \$70,000 out of United States by concealing the money in the spare tire of the vehicle he was driving.

CBP officers seized the vehicle and the illegal currency. The man was turned over to the custody of Immigration and Customs Enforcement for further investigation.

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Officers in Arizona find packages of cash in the tires of a vehicle traveling into Mexico.

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