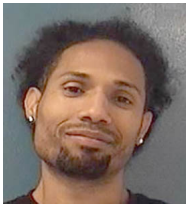


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Suspects are natives of Dominican Republic

Two Florida men originally from the Dominican Republic were jailed Sept. 2 after they were arrested by deputies with the McKinley County Sheriff's Office.

MCSO Lt. Pat Salazar said Jean Carlos Rodriguez-Williams, 26, of Land O' Lakes, Fla., and Cleto Dominguez-Reyes, 35, of Tampa, Fla., were taken into custody after 29 pounds of marijuana was found in the vehicle in which the two were traveling. Salazar said the pair was charged with trafficking a controlled substance and conspiracy to distribute marijuana.

The arrests were made by MCSO undercover agents who recently underwent special training to handle roadway drug busts. Both suspects were identified as natives of the Dominican Republic.

Upon stopping the vehicle, MCSO deputies observed that both individuals appeared nervous. When permission was granted to search the vehicle, duffle bags were discovered in the trunk.

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Salazar said the contraband was sent to a laboratory in Albuquerque for testing.

“This was some very good work,” he said.

According to McKinley County Jail Warden Steve Silversmith, there were no attorneys listed for either arrestee.

McKinley County Sheriff Ron Silversmith praised the work of Salazar and deputies at the Sept. 7 regular commission meeting. He told commissioners that MCSO is out front in eradicating the illegal transport of drugs.

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