



# ***BRPD News Item***

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Date:	11/12/09
Slug:	144 lbs. of Marijuana Seized
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Two Texas women were arrested and charged with Distribution/Manufacture of a Schedule I Drug (Marijuana) early this morning.

At about 1:25am Officer Kevin Istre of the Baton Rouge Police Department Highway Interdiction Unit stopped a GMC SUV for following too closely on I-12 eastbound near Millerville. The vehicle was occupied by two females.

Upon contacting the occupants Istre smelled what he believed to be the odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. He obtained consent to search the vehicle and found approximately 144 lbs. of marijuana inside concealed within several boxes. The drugs have an approximately street value of nearly \$150,000.

The women were arrested and booked into the East Baton Rouge Parish Prison. They are identified as KATIE LYNN PAREDES-BARRIOS, 22, DEER PARK, TX and ASHLEY IVETTE OCHOA, 18, HOUSTON, TX.