
CONVENTION FOR LIMITING THE MANUFACTURE AND
REGULATING THE DISTRIBUTION OF NARCOTIC DRUGS OF 13 JULY 1931
AS AMENDED BY THE PROTOCOL OF 11 DECEMBER 1946

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

SEIZURES OF CANNABIS MADE AT POINTS ON OR NEAR THE MEXICAN BORDER
AND ON THE PACIFIC COAST DURING FEBRUARY, MARCH AND APRIL 1947

REPORT NO. 1156 COMMUNICATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON 11 SEPTEMBER 1947

Note by the Secretary-General

In accordance with Article 23 of the Convention for limiting the
Manufacture and regulating the Distribution of Narcotic Drugs of
13 July 1931, as amended by the Protocol of 11 December 1946, the
Secretary-General has the honour to communicate the following report on
the above mentioned seizures to the Members of the United Nations and
to the other parties to the Convention.

No. 1156

UNITED STATES TREASURY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NARCOTICS
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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NARCOTIC SEIZURE REPORT

1. Date of seizure: See dates given below
2. Place of seizure: See places listed below
3. Name of person or firm implicated: See defendants named below
4. Name of ship: See "Remarks" below
5. Coming from: See "Remarks" below
6. Date of leaving first port: ...
7. Destination and date of arrival: ...
8. Ports of call: See "Remarks" below
9. Owners or nationality of ship: ...
10. Kind and quantity of drugs seized: 114 pounds, 14 ounces, 299.8 grains, (52 kg. 125.7 gr.) net of marihuana, consisting of the dried, pulverized flowering tops, leaves, seeds, and stems of the cannabis plant in the form most frequently encountered in the United States; 153 grains, net, (9.9 grammes) of bhang, a coarse material similar to marihuana; 3 ounces, 57 grains, net, of ganja, (88.7 grammes) the gummy pressed resinous flowering tops of the cannabis plant; 13 grains, (0.8 grammes) net of charas, the compressed resin of the cannabis plant similar to hashish and chiras; 16 grains, net, (1 gramme) of "Codeineta".
11. Origin of manufacture (marks, labels, etc.): See "Remarks" below
12. Where shipped or forwarded from: Mexico and India
13. Forwarding agents or consignors: See "Remarks" below
14. Destination or address: United States
15. Remarks:

There appears below a summary of cannabis seizures effected at points on or near the Mexican border and on the Pacific Coast during the months of February, March, and April, 1947:

Place and date of seizure: Near Lordsburgh, New Mexico, February 5, 1947
Names of defendants: Carlos DELGADO, Mexican citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 18 grains, net, of marihuana (1.2 grammes)

The defendant was apprehended by immigration patrol officers near Lordsburg as he was aboard a west bound freight train. The marihuana was found on his person. He admitted he obtained the marihuana in Juarez, Mexico.

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Place and date of seizure: Hidalgo, Texas, February 6, 1947
Names of defendants: Paula RODRIGUEZ Martinez, Mexican citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 3 ounces, 218.7 grains, net, (99.2 grammes)
of marihuana.

When this woman arrived from Reynosa, Mexico, a package of marihuana was found in the lining of her purse.

Place and date of seizure: Between Pharr and McAllen, Texas, March 6, 1947
Names of defendants: Ray TURNER: and Lancaster CLARK: American citizens
Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 pound, net, (453.6 grammes) of marihuana.

Customs patrol inspectors, having received information TURNER and CLARK would smuggle a quantity of marihuana from Mexico, apprehended these persons and found a pound (453.6 grammes) of bulk marihuana in their possession.

Place and date of seizure: Mission, Texas, February 9, 1947
Names of defendants: Viterbo HERAS, Mexican citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 39 pounds, 6 ounces, net (17 kg. 860.2 grammes) of marihuana

This man was arrested by customs patrolmen after he smuggled a large quantity of bulk marihuana from Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: Brownsville, Texas, February 21, 1947
Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of cannabis seized: 117 grains, net, (7.6 grammes) of marihuana

A customs inspector found a small package of marihuana on a window ledge inside of the customs station behind a desk. One of a number of suspects who had been searched the previous night must have thrown it there.

Place and date of seizure: Hidalgo, Texas, February 21, 1947
Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of cannabis seized: 8 ounces, 218.2 grains, net, (240.9 grammes) of marihuana

A customs inspector found a package of marihuana under a seat of the McAllen-Reynosa bus when it arrived from Mexico.

Place and date of seizure: Brownsville, Texas, February 21, 1947
Names of defendants: Jose PENA Sanchez, Mexican citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 4.7 grains, net, (0.3 gramme) of marihuana

When this person arrived from Matamoros, Mexico, in an automobile a number of marihuana seeds and fragments were found scattered over the floor of the car.

Place and date of seizure: Near Pharr, Texas, February 22, 1947
Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of cannabis seized: 11 ounces, net, (311.8 grammes) of marihuana

Customs patrolmen pursued an automobile which had appeared from the direction of the Mexican border. The occupants of the car escaped, throwing away a sack of bulk marihuana.

Place and date of seizure: San Francisco, California, February 22, 1947
Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of cannabis seized: 3 ounces, 57 grains, net, (88.7 grammes) of flat ganja; 13 grains, net, (0.8 gramme) of charas

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When the American steamship PETER J. McGUIRE arrived from Cochin, Karachi, Bombay, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Manila, Tacoblan, San Fernando, Guam, Saigon, and Bangkok, customs searchers found three cakes of gummy pressed flat ganja and three charas pellets wrapped in an Indonesian language newspaper inside of a compass binnacle stand, aft, on top of the quarterdeck house.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, February 26, 1947
 Names of defendants: Jose MARTINEZ Rodriguez, Mexican citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 ounce, 328.5 grains, net, (49.6 grammes)
 of marihuana

After MARTINEZ arrived from Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and was cleared through the immigration office, and while he was being examined at the customs office, an immigration officer found a package of marihuana where MARTINEZ had sat in the immigration office. He immediately turned the marihuana over to the customs inspector who arrested MARTINEZ.

Place and date of seizure: Brownsville, Texas, February 27, 1947
 Names of defendants: Esteban GARCIA Martinez, Mexican citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 164 grains, net, (10.6 grammes)
 of marihuana

Two rolls of loose marihuana were found in GARCIA's pocket when he arrived from Matamoros.

Place and date of seizure: San Francisco, California, February 28, 1947
 Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of cannabis seized: 153 grains, net, (9.9 grammes) of bang

Upon the arrival in port of the American steamship MARINE ADDER, customs searchers found a small gray cloth bag of bang in a space between the back of a dishwashing machine and the bulkhead in the main scullery on the main deck, amidships, starboard side. The vessel had touched at Hong Kong, Singapore, Madras, Bombay, and Shanghai.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, March 1, 1947
 Names of defendants: Ramon VILLAROEL Otero, Mexican citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 3 ounces, 358.5 grains, net, (108.3 grammes)
 of marihuana

Customs patrolmen apprehended VILLAROEL after he entered the United States illegally from Mexicali, Mexico, and found one hundred and one marihuana cigarettes, weighing 3 ounces, 303.5 grains, (104.7 grammes) and a package of loose marihuana, weighing 55 grains, (3.6 grammes) concealed on his person.

Place and date of seizure: Calexico, California, March 1, 1947
 Names of defendants: Felipe MADRUENO Ayala; and Juan MADRUENO Serano;
 Mexican citizens
Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 ounce 12.5 grains, net, (29.1 grammes) of
marihuana

These two men, father and son in the order named, were apprehended by immigration officers when they entered the United States clandestinely from Mexicali, Mexico. A tobacco can of marihuana was found in their possession.

Place and date of seizure: Brownsville, Texas, March 5, 1947
 Names of defendants: Jose SANTIAGO Garza, Mexican citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 26 grains, net, (1.7 grammes) of marihuana

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After this person arrived from Matamoros a customs officer found a roll of marihuana in one of his pockets.

Place and date of seizure: Near Madero, Texas, March 7, 1947
Names of defendants: Lucio VALADEZ, Mexican citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 60 pounds, net, (27 kg. 215.5 grammes)
of bulk marihuana; 16 grains net, (1 gramme)
of "codeineta"

VALDEZ was apprehended by a customs patrol sergeant and an immigration officer when he attempted to smuggle this large quantity of marihuana from Mexico by wading the Rio Grande River. The "codeineta" is a preparation of codeine tartrate containing 7.5% anhydrous narcotic alkaloids.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, March 9, 1947
Names of defendants: Luis VALLEJO, Mexican citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 15 ounces, 218.7 grains, net,
(439.4 grammes) of marihuana

Bulk marihuana smuggled from Nuevo Laredo in an improvised cloth smuggling belt fastened around the waist of the defendant.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, March 10, 1947
Names of defendants: John C. SIMERLY, American Citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 8 pounds, 10 ounces, 437 grains, net,
(3 kg. 940.5 grammes) of marihuana

Customs patrol inspectors patrolling near El Paso observed this man walking toward the river. When he returned from the river carrying a box he was arrested and the above-mentioned quantity of marihuana was seized. He said the marihuana was delivered to him at the river bank by an unknown Mexican.

Place and date of seizure: Laredo, Texas, March 10, 1947
Names of defendants: Lorenzo RAMOS, Mexican citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 283 grains, net (18.3 grammes) of marihuana

When a customs inspector was about to search RAMOS when he arrived from Nuevo Laredo, RAMOS attempted to escape. He was overtaken and a package of loose marihuana was found in one of his pockets.

Place and date of seizure: Brownsville, Texas, March 12, 1947
Names of defendants: Unknown
Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 ounce, 216 grains, net, (42.3 grammes)
of marihuana

A customs inspector found six rolls of marihuana under a seat of the Brownsville-Matamoros bus. A suspect was picket up but released finally when it could not be proved that he was the owner of the marihuana.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, March 13, 1947
Names of defendants: Ramon BARRENO, Jr. Mexican citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 1 ounce, 16.5 grains, net, (29.4 grammes)
of marihuana

The defendant was carrying seventeen rolls of marihuana in the lining of his right coat pocket when he arrived from Juarez, Mexico.

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Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, March 22, 1947
Names of defendants: Jose de la Luz RODRIGUEZ, Mexican citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 pounds, 4 ounces, 437 grains, net,
(1 kg. 048.5 grammes), of marihuana

Immigration officers arrested this person after he had waded the Rio Grande River from Mexico carrying a bag of marihuana. The contraband and the prisoner were turned over to customs.

Place and date of seizure: Brownsville, Texas, March 23, 1947
Names of defendants: Benito HERNANDEZ Camarillo, Mexican citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 2 ounces, net, (56.7 grammes)
of marihuana

Customs patrolmen observed the defendant approaching from the direction of the river carrying a package. Sixteen rolls of marihuana were found in the package. This man was a veteran smuggler.

Place and date of seizure: Brownsville, Texas, March 23, 1947
Names of defendants: Florentino IBARRA Ortiz, Mexican Citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 5 ounces, net, (141.7 grammes) of marihuana

While patrolling the river section customs patrolmen apprehended this defendant in the act of crossing from Mexico with sixteen rolls of marihuana on his person.

Place and date of seizure: Brownsville, Texas, March 29, 1947
Names of defendants: Maurillo VALDEZ Gomez, Mexican Citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 75 grains, net, (4.8 grammes) of marihuana

When VALDEZ arrived from Matamoros it was noted that he was under the influence of marihuana. A roll of marihuana was found in one of his pockets. He did not become rational until much later when he stated he had no intention of entering the United States, but had boarded the wrong bus.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, April 1, 1947
Names of defendants: James VEYRIA, American citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 26 grains, net, (1.7 gramme) of marihuana

Customs patrolmen found this man asleep in the freight yards and found a package of marihuana on his person which he had bought in Juarez.

Place and date of seizure: El Paso, Texas, April 2, 1947
Names of defendants: Roberto AVILA, Mexican citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 23 grains, net, (1.5 grammes) of marihuana

Because of his nervous demeanor this man was searched and a package of marihuana was found on his person.

Place and date of seizure: Ysleta, Texas, April 13, 1947
Names of defendants: Inez BAILON, Mexican citizen
Quantities of cannabis seized: 164 grains, net, (10.6 grammes) of
marihuana

Immigration officers arrested this man when he crossed the river from Mexico carrying a bag of marihuana, 17 1/2 pints (8.2 Litres) of sotol, and a pint (0.5 litre) of alcohol on his person. The contraband and the defendant were turned over to customs.

Copies of this report are being transmitted to the Mexican and Indian authorities.

/s/ H. J. Anslinger

Commissioner of Narcotics
