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## **\$1.5 million of cocaine found in produce shipment**

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U.S. Customs & Border Protection Office of Field Operations at the Pharr International Bridge cargo facility intercepted \$1.54 worth of alleged cocaine hidden within a trailer hauling a commercial shipment of fresh malanga, a root vegetable.



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“Great teamwork and resiliency is what allows our frontline officers to make interceptions like this one this weekend at the cargo facility,” said Port Director Carlos Rodriguez, port of Hidalgo/Pharr/Anzalduas.

On Jan. 12, CBP officers assigned to the cargo facility at the Pharr International Bridge referred a tractor trailer hauling a commercial shipment of fresh malanga for further inspection. Utilizing all available tools and resources, including non-intrusive imaging technology, the officers discovered 80 packages weighing 199.5 pounds of alleged cocaine hidden within the trailer.

CBP OFO seized the narcotics along with the tractor trailer and the case remains under investigation by Homeland Security Investigations.

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