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Aw shucks, \$25M drug bust is corny

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Officers with U.S. Customs & Border Protection, Office of Field Operations at the Pharr International Bridge cargo facility hit the drug-smuggling community hard with the interception of alleged liquid methamphetamine worth \$25 million concealed within a tractor/trailer.

“This was a great team effort that resulted in this discovery of hard narcotics in our cargo facility,” said Port Director Carlos Rodriguez, port of Hidalgo/Pharr/Anzalduas. “Although an apparent daunting task, our frontline officers continue with their perseverance and commitment towards keeping dangerous drugs from crossing our borders.”

On Nov. 18, 2020, a CBP officer assigned to the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge cargo facility

referred a tractor/trailer arriving from Mexico with a commercial shipment of corn husks for further inspection. Officers conducting the secondary examination utilized all available tools and resources, including the assistance of a canine team, which led to the discovery of alleged liquid methamphetamine concealed within the tractor's fuel tanks. The extraction process yielded 1,255 pounds of the liquid, which was stored in 26 plastic buckets.

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