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Jalapeño shipment methoded up with \$10M of drugs

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U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers assigned to the Pharr International Bridge seized \$10.7 million in methamphetamine from a shipment of fresh Jalapeño peppers.

On Oct. 14, officers encountered a tractor trailer arriving from Mexico. A CBP officer referred the vehicle for further inspection which included utilizing non-intrusive inspection equipment and screening by a canine team. Physical inspection of the shipment resulted in officers extracting 9,426 packages that filled 72 buckets for a total weight of 1,205.48 pounds of alleged methamphetamine concealed within the shipment.

“Our CBP officers continue to stop massive amounts of narcotics at our cargo facility, all while facilitating lawful trade entering the country,” said Port Director Carlos Rodriguez, Hidalgo/Pharr/Anzalduas port of entry.

CBP OFO seized the narcotics and tractor trailer and special agents with Homeland Security Investigations initiated a criminal investigation.

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