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**Smuggling \$17.4M of meth in produce is just coconuts**



U.S. Customs and Border Protection officers at Pharr International Bridge seized more than \$17.4 million in methamphetamine in a single enforcement action. The seizure occurred Sept. 28 when a CBP officer referred a tractor trailer hauling a shipment of coconuts for secondary inspection.

“Our frontline CBP officers continue to maintain a robust enforcement posture in the cargo environment and by effectively utilizing their training, experience, technology and canines they prevented a massive load of methamphetamine from wreaking havoc on our streets,” said Port Director Carlos Rodriguez, Hidalgo/Pharr/Anzalduas port of entry “This seizure underscores the seriousness of the drug threat we face on a daily basis and the resolve of our officers to keep our communities safe.”

CBP officers conducted a secondary examination that included utilization of a non-intrusive inspection system and CBP canines. Upon further physical examination, CBP officers discovered 378 packages containing a total of nearly 1,950 pounds of alleged methamphetamine hidden within the trailer.

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