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On August 31st, at approximately 3:50 p.m., Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office Deputy patrolling on I20-59, north bound conducted a traffic stop on a grey GMC Yukon displaying U.S. Government tags and the front and rear bumper of the vehicle. The Yukon also displayed U.S. Army decals on both sides of the vehicle. The deputy stopped the vehicle for following too close to the vehicle in front of it, and that the tag numbers differed from the front bumper and the rear bumper. Upon approaching the vehicle to make contact with the female driver, the deputy detected a strong smell of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. The driver was nervous and visibly shaking. After obtaining her driver license and other pertinent information, the driver was asked by the deputy if there were illegal narcotics in the vehicle, and the driver responded "no". The driver of the vehicle complained of nausea but refused medical assistance when offered. The deputy asked the driver once again if there was any marijuana in the vehicle and the driver answered "yes".

When a second unit arrived to back up the first deputy, the grey Yukon was searched. Deputies found 20 bundles of marijuana wrapped in clear plastic. The bundles were of varying weights. After each bundle was weighed, the total weight was 403 pounds. The driver of the car, Jeri Shonte Lacy, a 31 year old black female from Dallas, Texas, was charged with Trafficking in Cannabis and placed in the Tuscaloosa County Jail with a bond of \$100,000.00. It was

The government tags displayed on the car were found to be counterfeit. Ms. Lacy claimed to be an Army recruiting officer. This also was found to be untrue. The counterfeit United States Government tags and the issue of impersonating an Army Recruiter have been turned over to the FBI.