



# Suspicious Activity



# Conducting a Large Truck or Bus Vehicle Stop

## OBSERVE

Identify **traffic violations** associated with large truck and bus crashes.

## CONSIDER

Differentiate **safety considerations** that apply before, during, and after a vehicle stop.

## DETECT

Detect **potential indicators** of serious vehicle defects or criminal activity.

## REVIEW

Recognize the **documentation required** for processing a large truck or bus vehicle stop.

## REPORT

Recognize and select the **appropriate boxes** to check when filling out a citation for a large truck or bus vehicle.



# Vehicle Stop for a Motor Vehicle Violation

**45 kilos of cocaine were discovered in the trailer.**

**What began as a vehicle stop ended up becoming a criminal case.**



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HP-djGKOZJo>

# Criminal Activity

**For officer safety reasons you should never go into the back of a vehicle unassisted. Making the stop can be the first step in uncovering criminal activity.**



## HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The transport and trade of humans for the purpose of forced labor or prostitution.



## DRUG AND WEAPONS TRAFFICKING

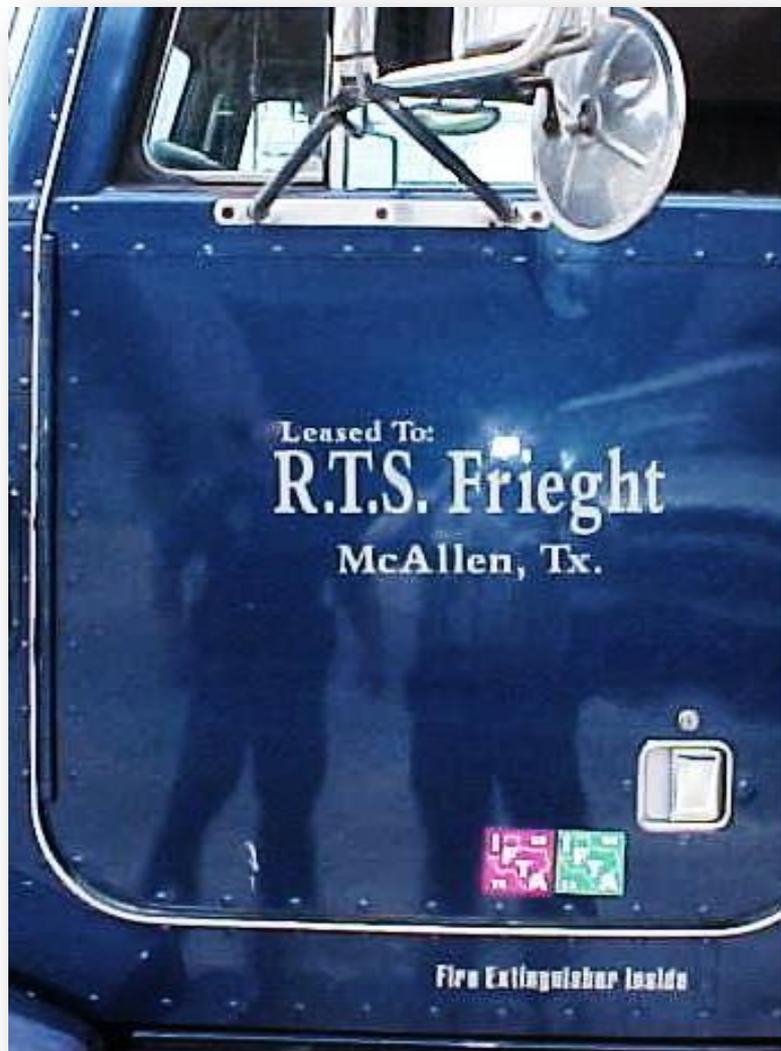
The transport and trade of illegal goods.



## MOVING FRAUD

The extortion of consumers by un-registered moving companies.

# What to Look For – Vehicle



## VEHICLE MARKINGS

Are they incomplete, unprofessional, or misspelled?

## SEALS

Has the seal been tampered with?

# What to Look For – Driver



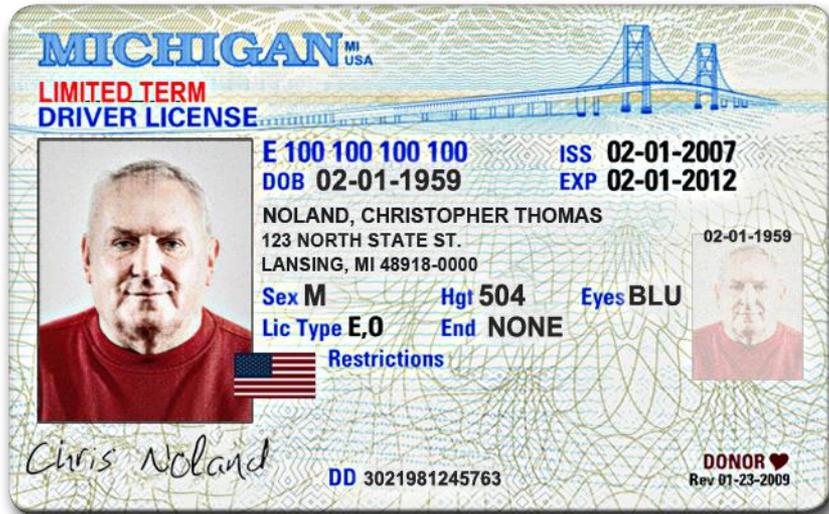
## IMPAIRMENT

**Is the driver under the influence of drugs or alcohol?**

## BEHAVIOR

**Is the driver overly anxious or defensive?**

# Non-CDL Passengers



## PRESENCE

Why is the passenger in the truck?

Does the passenger know the driver?

## BEHAVIOR

Is the passenger behaving suspiciously?

# Traffic Stop Leads to the Seizure of US Currency

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(U//LES) Figure 11. Liquid meth and currency seized from tractor trailer.

(U//LES) On January 26, 2016, Baldwin County, Alabama Sheriff's deputies stopped a tractor trailer at mile marker 47 northbound on Interstate 65 for a traffic violation. The driver stated he was en route to Atlanta, Georgia, from Edinburg, Texas. A consensual search of the tractor and trailer revealed 33 kilograms of liquid methamphetamine packaged in 26 vacuum sealed bags inside a container in the sleeper compartment. The search also disclosed \$25,000 in the tractor. Deputies arrested the driver, seized the drugs, currency, and trailer and impounded the tractor. (See Figure 11)



# Contact a Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspector

**When contacting a Commercial Vehicle Safety Inspector, share what you have observed.**

## SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY

If you observe something that you think warrants further investigation.

## DRUGS OR ALCOHOL

If you observe the presence of drugs or alcohol.

## UNSAFE CONDITION

If you observe an unsafe condition that makes the vehicle a road hazard.

## CRASHES

If you investigate a traffic crash involving a fatality personal injury or disabled vehicle.



# Visor Cards

Serious vehicle defects pose safety hazards for everyone on the road.

## **Smoke**

May indicate the vehicle is having engine problems of some kind.

## **Leaks**

May be any number of engine fluids, or the contents of the cargo tank, if the vehicle has one.



***SAFETY HAZARDS***

# Visor Cards



*Hazardous materials are substances or materials that pose a risk to health, safety, and property.*

Vehicles transporting hazardous materials are typically placarded to indicate the presence of a hazard. Additionally, placards identify the type of hazard the material presents.

This information is indicated by the color of the placard and the number in the bottom corner.

If you stop a vehicle that is smoking or leaking fluid and you observe that it is placarded, do not

approach the vehicle under any circumstances.

Contact the appropriate agency and relay the placarding information in such cases.

**HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**



Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

LARGE TRUCK AND BUS TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT

