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Press Release

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Re: CNMCF Officers Bust Inmate and Wife Smuggling Suboxone

"I am very proud of the work done by our Corrections Officers in this case. Truth is, they work very hard every day to keep any kind of contraband out of our facility. They have to be very watchful and diligent to catch contraband smuggling. Contraband is always a problem for any prison. It's a daily challenge for my officers but they work hard to catch it. If you are a visitor thinking about bringing in contraband, remember our officers are always waiting and watching, so don't even try it."

-Warden Joe Garcia
Central New Mexico Corrections

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On Thursday (5/10/2012) at about 1:55 pm officers noticed inmate Mario Montoya (DOB 05/31/1972) was passed a string with an orange-colored substance on it from visitor Mariana Montoya while inside the visiting room.

The orange-colored string that was connected to a piece of straw was pushed through a hole in the speaker opening. Tied to string was about 6-inch orange-colored cloth. Montoya put whole thing in his mouth and swallowed it.

Montoya was searched and monitored for some time. Montoya was asked to take a urinalysis but he refused. We believe the orange-colored cloth he swallowed was laced with Suboxone. Montoya will face: Attempt of Complicity, Dealing in Dangerous Drugs, Acts Constituting a Felony, Bringing Contraband into places of Imprisonment and Violation of Visiting Regulations. Montoya will also be charges with: Refusal to Submit to a Drug test because refused to submit a to a drug test.

Investigators from the New Mexico Corrections Department's Security Threat Investigations Unit searched Mariana Montoya's vehicle and found two knives inside. She was arrested for

introduction of contraband into a place of imprisonment and child endangerment. She had her daughter with her. CYFD was called.

New State Police is also investigating this incident.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Current charges Montoya is Incarcerated for:

Possession of controlled substance 4th degree felony

Conspiracy dealing in credit cards of another 4th degree felony

Dealing in credit cards of another 3rd degree felony

Residential Burglary 3rd degree felony

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