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McKinleyville GMC filled with nearly 100 pounds of marijuana

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A suspicious-smelling vehicle was stopped in McKinleyville late Monday night and a sheriff's deputy reportedly discovered nearly 100 pounds of marijuana inside.

According to the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, a deputy reported smelling the strong odor of marijuana coming from a GMC Yukon passing through a McKinleyville intersection at about 10:15 p.m. The smell remained constant and strong as the deputy followed the vehicle, officials said.

Suddenly, the GMC driver, later identified as 26-year-old Ross C. Lamer, pulled into a driveway on the 1100 block of Bates Road, according to the Sheriff's Office press release. The McKinleyville man told the sheriff's deputy that he was at the residence to see a friend. However, the deputy knew the residents at the address and Lamer allegedly was unable to name anyone who lived there.

The deputy reported finding the cargo area of the GMC about three-fourths full of marijuana. Lamer was arrested at the scene on suspicion of driving on a suspended license and violating probation.

With assistance from the Humboldt County Drug Task Force, sheriff's deputies obtained a search warrant for Lamer's residence on the 2600 block of Bolier Avenue in McKinleyville, according to the press release. Deputies reportedly seized a loaded handgun, \$27,000 in cash and 47 growing marijuana plants, ranging from two to three feet in height.

Lamer was booked into Humboldt County jail on charges of transportation of marijuana for sales,

possession of marijuana for sale, cultivation of marijuana, possession of a firearm in the commission of a felony, driving on a suspended license, and a probation violation, according to the press release.

At the time of his arrest, Lamer was enrolled in the Sheriff's Work Alternative Program for evading a peace officer, driving under the influence, and a probation violation.

Instead of serving his sentence through SWAP, he will remain in custody for the sentence and is not eligible for bail.

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