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On August 23rd, Inyo County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Howard conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in Big Pine for a traffic violation. Upon making contact with the driver, John Baker (48) of Truckee, Deputy Howard immediately smelled the odor of marijuana coming from inside the vehicle. After Baker made inconsistent statements to Deputy Howard regarding what he had in his possession, assistance was requested of the Inyo Narcotics Enforcement Team (INET).

Agents from INET responded and began an investigation into Baker. Agents developed probable cause and arrested Baker for Possession of Marijuana for Sales and Transportation of Over an Ounce of Marijuana. Agents seized over eight ounces of marijuana, over eight thousand dollars in cash, and other evidence of sales. Baker was transported and booked at the Inyo County Jail.

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