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Criminals are always thinking of new ways to smuggle drugs across the border.

Texas Department of Public Safety troopers told Action 4 News that they uncovered an unusual plot.

Authorities found more than \$1 million dollars worth of marijuana inside a truck disguised like a Halliburton oil field work vehicle.

An alert rancher spotted what he thought was a Halliburton truck driving near his property in Hebronville.

The vehicle was apparently trying to avoid a nearby Border Patrol checkpoint.

The rancher called 911 and DPS troopers responded.

Investigators found a Ford F-250 truck plastered with fake Halliburton logos and filled with bundles upon bundles of marijuana.

The back seat was stuffed with it as was a trailer

DPS officials said there were 3,000 pounds of marijuana with an estimated street value of about \$1.3 million dollars.

Three passengers bailed out of the vehicle when troopers tried to pull the truck over.

One man was captured but authorities did not release his name on Tuesday. He could face federal charges.

State police are now combing the area of FM 1017 near hebronville searching for the other two suspects.



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