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“Sniffed out”

On December 8th 2009 at the Sheriff Complex, Deputy Darnstaedt and K9 Corporal Malachi had just completed a check on the incoming mail bags. As they were walking through the parking lot, K9 Malachi started pulling his partner toward the cars that were parked along the fence line. He stopped at a white cadillac and indicated that there was some drugs in the vehicle. Deputy Darnstaedt went into the visitation lobby and asked who was driving the cadillac, no one answered! Deputy Darnstaedt verified the license tag information and found that the vehicle was registered to an individual named Steven Richards.

They waited for two hours inside the building, observing the vehicle through a window that was next to the parking lot. Around 4:30, a pick up truck came into the parking lot and stopped . A young man got out of the truck and tried to leave in the white cadillac. He was stopped by Deputy Darnstaedt and other deputies. The individual was identified to be Mr. Steven Richards. His car was searched and a container of marijuana was found. Mr. Richards was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and booked into the county jail. The moral to this story is, “If you come out to the jail to visit your friends, don’t bring your drugs with you.” You might get “sniffed out.”