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**COLORADO WOMAN PLEADS GUILTY**  
**TO FEDERAL MARIJUANA CHARGE**

***Woman Arrested at Columbus Port of Entry with 247 kilograms of Marijuana***

LAS CRUCES – Today in Las Cruces, Colorado resident **Gloria Angelica Gonzalez**, 24, pled guilty to an information charging her with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute. Gonzalez remains out of custody on a \$5,000 unsecured bond pending her sentencing hearing, which has yet to be scheduled.

United States Attorney Kenneth J. Gonzales said that the charge arose out of conduct occurring on January 8, 2011, in Luna County, New Mexico. In documents filed with the court, Gonzalez admitted that she drove a Chevrolet Tahoe loaded with 247 kilograms of marijuana into the Columbus Port of Entry. The marijuana was hidden in a compartment in the floor of the Tahoe. Gonzalez also admitted that she was to be paid \$5,000 to smuggle the marijuana into the United States.

At sentencing, Gonzalez faces a five-year mandatory prison sentence and four years of supervised release. The case was investigated by Homeland Security Investigations in Deming and is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney W. Ronald Jennings.

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