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17 Pounds of Methamphetamine Seized

Fargo, N.D. – Last Friday, February 26 at 9:38 a.m., a North Dakota Highway Patrol trooper stopped an eastbound 2014 Mercedes SUV on I-94 at Mapleton for speeding. During the course of the traffic stop, the trooper searched the vehicle and found 17 pounds of methamphetamine and \$26,407 in U.S. currency inside the vehicle. The methamphetamine had a street value of more than \$340,000.

The driver and lone occupant of the vehicle, Francisco Torrez, a 34-year-old man from Palmdale, Calif., was arrested for felony possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor unlawful possession of drug paraphernalia.

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