

INTERDICTION

THERE ARE MANY WAYS FOR ILLICIT DRUGS TO ENTER THE CITY, AND THE RECENT EXPANSION OF THE CITY AIRPORT PROVIDES A DIRECT ACCESS TO SOME OF THE CITIES THAT ARE MAJOR DISTRIBUTION POINTS. THIS TYPE OF DRUG ENFORCEMENT FACES SOME UNIQUE PROBLEMS BECAUSE TYPICALLY THERE IS LITTLE OR NO PRIOR INVESTIGATION BEFORE THE CULPRITS ARE CONFRONTED. THE PROBABLE CAUSE REQUIRED IN OUR STATE COURTS IS USUALLY LACKING IN THESE SITUATIONS.

TO COMBAT THIS PROBLEM, IN MARCH OF THIS YEAR, TWO (2) MEMBERS OF THE NARCOTIC DIVISION WERE TEAMED WITH DEA AGENTS, AND AN INTERDICTION TEAM WAS FORMED. THE FEDERAL LAWS AND CONCEPTS ARE USED TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATIONS AT THE CITY AIRPORT, GREYHOUND BUS STATION, AND THE TRAIN STATION. THE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM DO WHAT IS COMMONLY CALLED "PROFILE STOPS," AND THE RESULTING ARRESTS ARE PROSECUTED THROUGH THE FEDERAL SYSTEM. THE OFFICERS RECENTLY COMPLETED THEIR TRAINING, AND DURING THE PAST TWO MONTHS THEIR WORK HAS RESULTED IN EIGHT (8) ARRESTS, AND SEIZURES TOTALLING OVER THREE (3) KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE, OVER 175 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA, OVER \$200,000, FOUR (4) VEHICLES, AND TWO (2) HANDGUNS.