



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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What began as a routine traffic stop on Route 11 in the Town of Mooers Saturday quickly gave way to the discovery of several people in one car that were in the United States illegally.

Deputies from the Clinton County Sheriff's Office on routine patrol as part of Operation Stonegarden near the Canadian border stopped a vehicle on Route 11 near the Mooers Fire Station just before 10:00p.m. for speeding.

During the stop deputies discovered three men from Brazil who ranged in age from 18 – 41: 21-year-old Jao Medeiros, 18-year-old Paulo Silva Sa and 41-year-old Ademilson Da Silva-Ribeiro. Deputies, unable to determine their citizenship status, contacted Border Patrol for assistance.

Two units from Border Patrol responded and transported the men to the Champlain Border where it was determined they were in the United States illegally. The men were turned-over to Border Patrol Agents and then committed to the Clinton County Jail pending further proceedings.

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