



**PRESS RELEASE**



**Elizabeth Deer-Downes**



**Victoria Giasson**

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On Tuesday January 12, 2010 the Clinton County Sheriff's Department arrested two women who were attempting to smuggle several pounds of marijuana through the Champlain border crossing -in to the United States.

Sheriff's deputies arrested 22-year-old Elizabeth Deer-Downes of Lasalle Canada and 24-year-old Victoria Giasson of Montreal Canada at the Champlain border crossing - after Customs and Border Protection agents discovered 34 pounds of marijuana hidden in the trunk and rear seat of the vehicle the two were driving.

The marijuana has an estimated street value of one-hundred-thousand dollars.

Deer-Downes and Giasson were taken in to custody by Sheriff's deputies and each charged with one 1<sup>st</sup> degree felony count of possession of marijuana. The two were also charged with one misdemeanor count of endangering the welfare of a child.

Both women were arraigned in Champlain town court and sent to the Clinton County Jail in lieu of \$20,000 cash bail or \$40,000 bond. As of 11:00A.M Wednesday Giasson was free on bail. Deer-Downes and Giasson are scheduled to appear in Champlain Town Court on Thursday January 14, 2010.

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