



CREATIVE SMUGGLING

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- **People willingly transport counterfeit products from one country to another every day. Their methods range from the very simple to the ingeniously complex, and they often depend on the sophistication of the relevant law enforcement agencies.**



A handout photo provided by the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) shows parts of a pistol which were found hidden in a stuffed animal at T.F. Green Airport in Warwick, Rhode Island on May 8, 2012.



Money concealed in pastries that the German customs agency Zoll seized during an anti-money laundering operation, is displayed before the agency's annual statistics news conference at the finance ministry in Berlin March 16, 2012.



Members of the Colombian Navy stand guard on top of a seized submarine built by drug smugglers in a makeshift shipyard in Timbiqui, department of Cauca February 14, 2011. Colombian authorities said the submersible craft was to be used to transport 8 tons of cocaine illegally into Mexico.



In a combination of handout photographs, Maria del Mar Arjona Rivero (L), 19, is seen holding the suitcase in which she tried to smuggle her partner Juan Ramirez Tijerina out of the prison where he was serving a sentence for unspecified federal crimes, and Ramirez Tijerina (R) is seen inside the suitcase after being discovered by prison guards in Chetumal July 2, 2011. According to prison officials Ramirez Tijerina was discovered hiding inside the suitcase as Arjona Rivero left the building following a conjugal visit. Arjona Rivero was arrested for the attempt.



Undated handout photo courtesy of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security shows an off-road go-kart. U.S. border cops in far-west Arizona have seized the go-kart and trailer packed with marijuana, in the latest bizarre attempt by Mexican smugglers to beat beefed up border security.



Australian native geckos concealed in a hollowed out book which were seized by Customs officials are seen in the handout photo April 11, 2008. Australian Customs officials were alerted by Australia Post to a suspect express mail package bound for the Czech Republic on 14 March.



Two Australian Customs officers hold statues made of ephedrine, a drug used to make "Speed" or methamphetamine, after they were seized in raids in Sydney August 27, 2005.



Photo released by Belgian police on October 26, 2004 shows exotic frogs from Panama that were discovered by customs officials in film boxes at Brussels national airport on October 23, 2004. More than 500 amphibian creatures were smuggled into the country by two Belgian citizens to sell on the black market at about 150 euros each.



Some of the 150 bottles containing illegal liquid steroids hidden inside sexual lubricant packaging seized by the Australian Customs is seen in this handout obtained July 30, 2008. Customs said that the bottles, labelled as "gay lube oil", actually contained prohibited performance and image enhancing drugs manufactured and sent from Thailand.

