

Starr County jailer accused of bringing drugs, tobacco into jail

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RIO GRANDE CITY — A routine guard check Sunday night led to the arrest of a jailer who allegedly brought marijuana, cocaine and the substance commonly known as the date rape drug into the Starr County Jail, according to police records.

Rogelio Canales, 65, is charged with four different counts of possessing a controlled substance in a correctional facility, according to Starr County Sheriff's Office probable cause affidavits.

The records reveal few details regarding the plans for the drugs. Starr County detention sergeants said they found the following prohibited items in Canales' possession: 3.8 ounces of chewing tobacco, 2.1 ounces of marijuana wrapped in foil, 8.4 grams of cocaine in plastic baggies and 29 Rohypnol pills. They also found rolling papers, the records state.

The Sheriff's Office released the affidavits Wednesday in response to a records request from *The Monitor*. However, the same request asked for Canales' hire date and other public information regarding his employment that was not provided immediately.

Starr County Sheriff Rene Fuentes could not be reached for comment by press time Wednesday.