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Traffic Stop Leads to Arrests and Seizure of Illegally Modified Firearm

JASPER COUNTY, S.C. – During a routine traffic stop for defective equipment on a vehicle, deputies from the Jasper County Sheriff's Office made significant arrests and seized a firearm with illegal modifications.

Upon initiating the traffic stop, deputies detected a strong odor of marijuana emanating from the vehicle. A hand search of the vehicle was conducted. During the search, a passenger fled on foot but was quickly apprehended by deputies. The individual was found to have two active warrants from the Hardeeville Police Department and the Columbia Police Department.

The driver of the vehicle was arrested on multiple charges, including simple possession of marijuana and possession of a machine gun. Deputies discovered a pistol equipped with an illegal conversion device commonly referred to as a "switch," which transforms a semi-automatic firearm into a fully automatic weapon.

The case has been referred to the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) for further investigation.

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