2 ARE FOUND DEAD IN TRUCK HAULING ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

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Two bodies were <u>found</u> in a tractor-trailer Saturday that had apparently <u>hauled</u> dozens of <u>illegal immigrants</u> for several hours in 90-degree heat, police said. Several people were hospitalized for heat-related injuries.

The rig was found parked at a truck stop in this small town about 40 miles north of Dallas.

"Once our troopers got there, we <u>found</u> two apparent <u>illegal aliens</u> confirmed <u>dead</u> and one injured," said Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Tom Vinger.

The driver and another man in the cab were taken into custody, Vinger said.

Authorities believed it was the same rig that stopped at a Dallas <u>truck</u> stop earlier in the day, where witnesses said about 40 people poured out, some fleeing into neighborhoods seeking help.

Authorities said the <u>truck</u>, carrying medical supplies, had traveled to Dallas from El Paso, - about a 10-hour drive. Some ran to homes asking for water, and the *truck* left the scene before police arrived.

At least 14 people were hospitalized for heat exhaustion and possible heat stroke. Authorities said at least five were in critical condition. It was about 96 degrees Saturday afternoon in the Dallas area.

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