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PRESS RELEASE

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT/ UNLAWFUL RESTRAINT/ CRIMINAL ATTEMPT-MURDER

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On Thursday April 2nd, 2015, at 08:45 am. San Benito Police Officers responded to the Valley Baptist Hospital emergency room in reference to an assault that had taken place in San Benito. When the Officers arrived they made contact with a 24 year old female who stated that she had been physically assaulted for several days by her common law husband who she identified as 36 year old Jose Angel Leal out of San Benito. Female victim stated that early in the morning she had argued with Jose Angel Leal at their residence located on the 1100 block of La Palma Street because he was using her 2009 GMC SUV without her consent. The female victim stated that Jose Angel Leal became upset when she tried to leave, and forced her inside the SUV against her will, and the suspect began to drive west on La Palma Street. The victim advised that at one point she attempted to contact 911 on her cell phone, but the suspect noticed her intentions and took her phone away. Female victim advised that the suspect attempted to choke her while traveling north on the expressway 77/83, and began to tell her that he will do anything to avoid going back to jail. The female stated that she feared for her life, and jumped out of the SUV while traveling north on expressway 83 by the ED Carey Overpass. Female was transported to Valley Baptist Medical Center with numerous injuries as a result of jumping out of a moving vehicle. Female victim presented numerous bumps and bruises from the previous assaults. San Benito Police Criminal Investigators managed to track the suspect to residence located on 22100 block of Cinco de Mayo Street (La Paloma) where he was taken into custody, and transported to City Jail where he was charged with the offense of Criminal Attempt-Murder, Aggravated Assault, Unlawful restraint, interference with 911 call. Suspect was arraigned by Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis who set bonds totaling \$ 1,000,000. Suspect was also served with an emergency protective order.

All people are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of Law