



# San Benito Police Department



## Press Release



Raymundo Iracheta Varela Jr.

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*David Rodriguez*

**Date and time of Incident:** December 1, 2016 @ 3:41 p.m.

**Incident Type:** Evading Arrest or Detention in a Motor Vehicle / Reckless Driving

**Location:** 2500 Block of Shafer Road San Benito, Texas

**Prepared By:** Detective David Rodriguez

On December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016 at about 03:41pm a patrol officer observed a blue in color passenger vehicle traveling in the opposite lane of travel on the 2500 block of Shafer Rd. A traffic stop was initiated and the blue in color vehicle sped off through several streets in the city disregarding stop signs and traffic lights at speeds up to 100 miles an hour. The suspect vehicle continued to FM 281 till it reached the Rio Grande River where he exited the vehicle and jumped into the river and into Mexico territory. The patrol officer recognized the male suspect from previous encounters and identified him as 40 year old Raymundo Varela Jr. On Wednesday December 7<sup>th</sup> San Benito Detectives arrived at his residence and located Raymundo Varela Jr hiding in a closet under a mound of clothes. It was confirmed there was a felony warrant for evading arrest or detention in a motor vehicle and a class B misdemeanor for reckless driving. He was placed under arrested and later arraigned by Judge David Garza. Bond was set at \$35,000 and Mr Varela was transported to Cameron County Detention Center in Olmito, Texas.