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PRESS RELEASE

BURGLARY OF VEHICLE / ENGAGING IN ORGANIZED CRIME

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On Saturday September 27, 2014, San Benito Police Officers responded to numerous calls of vehicles being burglarized in different areas of the City late in the evening, and eyewitnesses reported seeing several male juveniles running from the scene, and possibly traveling in a Brown Chevy Tahoe. At approximately 1:15 pm a San Benito Police Officer observed a suspicious Brown Tahoe traveling West on Stenger street, and proceeded to follow said vehicle. The Brown Tahoe pulled over into a convenience store parking lot located on the 300 block of South Sam Houston, and the Police Officers proceeded to investigate. The Police Officers then observed a total of 5 individuals inside the Tahoe, and two matched the clothing description provided by one of the witness. As the Police Officers continued with the investigation they noticed multiple car stereos in plain view in the back of the Tahoe. The occupants were identified as 17 year old Karen Luna, 17 year old Jesus Garcia, 17 year old Oscar Hernandez and 18 year old Jorge Perez all from San Benito as well as 15 year old male juvenile. The vehicle occupants then provided conflicting stories, and one of them confessed to the Officers that they had been involved in multiple car break ins. The suspects were arrested and charged with Burglary of vehicle and engaging in organized criminal activity. A total of 5 victims filed criminal charges on all 5 suspects. Suspects were arraigned by Municipal Judge David Garza who set bonds totaling \$75,000 each.

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