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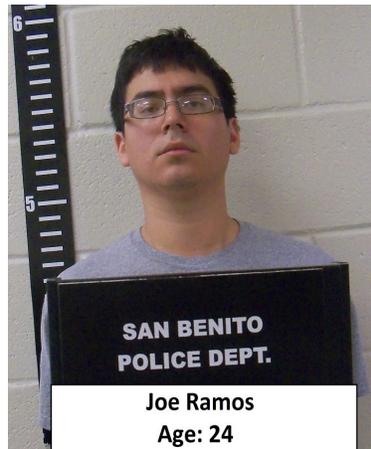
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PRESS RELEASE

Abandoning and Endangering a Child, Possession of Marijuana, Assault (Family Violence)

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On Tuesday December 16, 2014 at 01:40am, a Patrol Officer was dispatched to the Sunrise Villa Apartments located at 145 N. Oscar Williams in reference to an assault. The Officer arrived and made contact with a male that was standing outside the apartment. The male was identified as 25 year old Carlos Cantu. Mr. Cantu stated he had an argument with his female roommate, 23 year old Abigail Shields, who got upset over the argument and went up stairs to notify her boyfriend. Her boyfriend was identified as 24 year old Joe Ramos. He confronted Mr. Cantu about the argument which led to the physical altercation. Mr. Cantu and Mr. Ramos had different versions of the physical altercation and were both placed under arrest for the assault. The Officer noticed the odor of marijuana coming from inside the apartment and was given consent by Ms. Shields to check inside. Small amounts of marijuana and drug paraphernalia were located in the apartment. All parties denied smoking the marijuana and placed ownership on each other. The Officer checked upstairs with the odor of marijuana more noticeable and located a 1 year old child asleep in the bedroom. Ms. Shield was placed under arrest for Endangering a Child and Possession of Marijuana. Child Protective Services were notified of the incident and the child was released to a relative. Mr. Ramos was charged with Assault Family Violence, Possession of Marijuana and Endangering a Child and Mr. Cantu was placed under arrest for Assault Family Violence and Possession of Marijuana. They were later arraigned by Judge David Garza and bond was set. Ms. Shield's bond was set at \$4,000 dollars, Mr. Ramos' bond was set at \$8,000 dollars and Mr. Cantu's bond was set at \$4,000 dollars.

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