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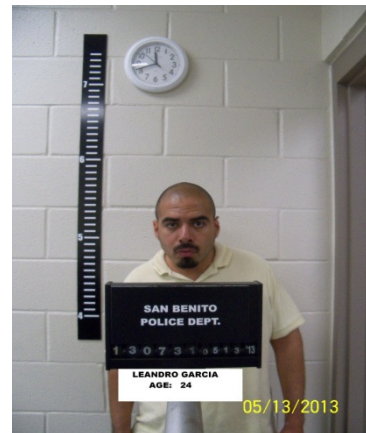
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On Monday May 13, 2013, at 1:47 am, San Benito Police responded to the Stripes store located by the intersection of Williams Road and North Frontage Rd. in reference to a beer run that had just occurred. Upon the Police Officers arrival they made contact with the clerk who stated that two subjects who were traveling in a white 4 door Oldsmobile had walked into the store, and had taken two 18 packs of beer with a value of \$ 30.98. The subjects then got into their vehicle, and fled north on the frontage road. A few moments later Harlingen Police notified the San Benito Police Department that they had checked out with two male subjects walking on the frontage road carrying beer after their vehicle became disabled. San Benito Police then arrived, and detained the two male subjects later identified as Ernesto Gonzalez and Leandro Garcia both out of San Benito. The subjects were positively identified by the clerk as the ones involved in the beer run, and were placed under arrest. Suspects were then taken to City Jail where they were booked on charges of Theft. A criminal records check revealed that Ernesto Gonzalez had several prior arrests or convictions for theft enhancing the offense to a State Jail felony. Ernesto Gonzalez and Leandro Garcia were arraigned by Municipal Judge David Garza who set bond on Ernesto Gonzalez at \$5,000, and later taken to the Cameron County Jail. Leandro Garcia was assessed a \$350 fine.

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