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PRESS RELEASE

CHILD ENDANGERMENT / ASSAULT ON PUBLIC SERVANT

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On Thursday May 9, 2013, at 10:00 pm. San Benito Police responded to a residence located on the 200 block of Hidalgo street in reference to an unwanted subject at location. Upon the Officers arrival they made contact with the homeowner who stated that 31 year old Martin Gaona out of San Benito was not welcomed at the residence. A no trespassing sign was observed by the entrance of the property. The Officers then made contact with Martin Gaona who appeared to be intoxicated, and refused to leave. A local search revealed that the subject had several outstanding traffic warrants, and when the officers attempted to place him under arrest he began resisting. During the incident Martin Gaona pushed two police officers, and it was necessary for the Officers to administer chemical agents to stop the suspect's aggression towards the police officers. After several moments Martin Gaona was taken into custody, and taken to City Jail where he was later arraigned by Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis on two counts of assault on a public servant (3rd degree Felony), resisting arrest (class A misdemeanor), and criminal trespass (class B misdemeanor). Martin Gaona received \$40,000 in bonds and was later taken to the Cameron County Jail.

On Friday May 10, 2013, at 5:54 am. San Benito Police responded to the intersection of Robertson and Resaca drive in reference to a child found unattended. Upon the police officers arrival they made contact with the 3 year old male child who was not able to provide any information to the officers regarding where he lived. The child was then taken to the Police station while other officers contacted nearby residents to see if they recognized the child. At approximately 6:55 am. San Benito Police responded to a residence located on the 800 block of Combes street in reference to a missing child. Contact was then made with 28 year old Alma Hernandez out of San Benito, and who advised the Officers that she was missing a 3 year old boy that had been left under her care to babysit. The Police Officers proceeded to escort Alma Hernandez to the police station. The mother of the child arrived a few moments later, and was reunited with her son. Alma Hernandez was placed under arrest and booked into jail on one count of endangering a child (State Jail felony), and was later arraigned by Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis who set bond at \$5,000. Alma Hernandez was later taken to the Cameron County Jail. Child protective services were notified of the incident, and are currently investigating the incident.