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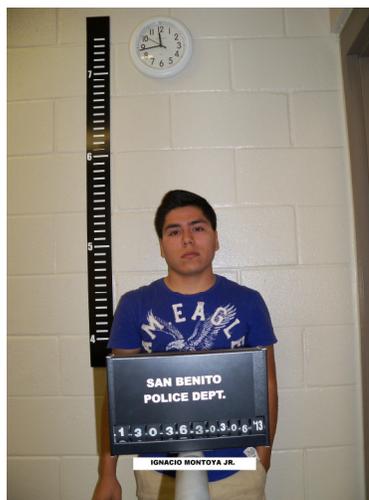
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THEFT BY POSSESSION

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On Wednesday March 6, 2013 at about 09:02am, San Benito Police Detectives arrived at the 1300 block of W. Filmore in Harlingen in an attempt to serve two arrest warrants. One was for 18 year old Ignacio Montoya Jr. and his father Abelardo Huerta Munoz for Theft by Possession. When Detectives arrived at the location Mr. Montoya was arrested for the warrant but his father was not home. Detectives arrived at his place of employment located on the corner of Adams St. and Second in Harlingen and successfully arrested Mr. Huerta Munoz. The arrest warrants were generated from an incident that occurred on January 26, 2013 at the 1400 block of N. Reagan in San Benito. A 69 year old female stated that someone entered her home from an unsecured kitchen window and took the keys to her green 1998 Dodge Neon and her cell phone while her husband was in the restroom. When the husband exited the restroom he saw a thin bald Hispanic male drive off with their vehicle. The vehicles information was later provided and entered into the Texas and National Criminal Information Center. On February 28, 2013 a State Trooper conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle for speeding and notified San Benito Police Detectives. The vehicle was being driven by Ignacio Montoya Jr. Mr. Montoya was questioned as to where he got the vehicle from he stated his father purchased it from an unknown male three weeks prior for \$350.00 dollars. Contact was made with the father, Mr. Huerta Munoz and he stated he purchased the vehicle from his Nephew's friend and did not know the name of the male. He did provide a phone number and a first name but when Detectives called the number a female answered and advised no one by that name was there. Mr. Huerta Munoz and Mr. Montoya were being uncooperative and only willing to give half of their story. Five days later Police Detective obtained arrest warrants for the two males for Theft by Possession. On Wednesday March 6, 2013 both males were placed under arrest and placed in city jail. They were arraigned by Justice of the Peace Judge David Garza and each given a \$5,000 dollar bond. U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agents placed a detainer on Abelardo Huerta Munoz and he was transported to the Cameron County Carrizales Detention Center.

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