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PRESS RELEASE

POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA (DRUG FREE ZONE), EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION, CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

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On Monday January 14, 2013 at or about 09:53am, Officers were dispatched to the 2100 block of W. Business in reference to two suspicious males in an abandoned building. Officers arrived at the location and could smell an odor of burnt marijuana in the air. The two males were seen sitting at a table with smoke around them. As the Officer approached the two males they began to run towards the west side of the building and out into a tall grassy area. Officers yelled out to stop and gave chase. A male wearing a black and gray hooded sweat shirt was caught by Officers and after a brief struggle Officers were able to handcuff the subject. The Officer checked the subject for any weapons or anything that could hinder their safety and a plastic bag of marijuana was located in the front pocket of his sweater. He was placed in the back of the patrol unit and began kicking the rear windows in an attempt to break them. He was transported to the station where he was being uncooperative and was identified as Santiago Jeremy Cruz Jr. Mr. Cruz was placed in a jail cell to await arraignment. Hours later an officer checked on Mr. Cruz and noticed he had damaged the jail cell wall by scratching his name and the date with a metal clip. Mr. Cruz was arraigned by Judge Benjamin M. Yudesis and bond was set at \$5,000 dollars for Possession of Marijuana in a Drug Free Zone, \$5,000 dollars for Evading Arrest or Detention and a \$279 dollar fine for Criminal Mischief. A warrant of arrest will be sought for the second male subject who fled into the brushy field.

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