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On January 1, 2013 around 09:17pm, an Officer on Patrol of the 100 Block of North Oscar Williams Road heard a very loud bang as the Officer was passing Blanquita's Restaurant. The Officer also saw fire on the ground on the south west corner of the building. The Officer saw a tall thin male walking away from the fire. The Officer stopped the male and identified him as being 19 year old Mark Olivarez of San Benito. He told the Officer that he was just popping fireworks and the Officer explained the violation of city ordinance. The Officer went to the location of the fire and found pieces of a black tube with metal wires scattered on the ground. Mr. Olivarez explained that he learned how to make this bomb from sparklers on You-Tube and that he was just trying it out. He was found to have outstanding warrants from the San Benito Police Department and was placed under arrest. The evidence of the bomb was collected with the assistance from the San Benito Fire Department. The brick and concrete on the outside of the building received minor burns marks as a result of the explosion. Mr. Olivarez was charged with Prohibited Weapon a 3rd Degree Felony for the manufacturing of an Explosive Weapon. He was arraigned and his bond was set at \$15,000. He was remanded to the Cameron County Jail.

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