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PRESS RELEASE

POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA / DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

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On Sunday December 16, 2012, at 7:46 pm, San Benito Police responded to the intersection of Lee and Woodford Street in reference to a possible argument between a male and a female inside a black 2008 Chevrolet Cobalt. When the Officers arrived they made contact with the vehicle occupants and noticed that the male passenger who was identified as 19 year old Guadalupe Ricardo Gonzalez out of San Benito presented signs of intoxication due to alcohol consumption, and was placed under arrest for Public Intoxication. The Police Officers discovered a clear plastic bag that contained a green leafy substance possibly marijuana next to where Guadalupe Gonzalez was sitting and admitted owning the marijuana. Guadalupe Ricardo Gonzalez was taken to City Jail where he was arraigned on Possession of Marijuana Charges as well as Public intoxication by Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis who set bond at \$8,000.

On Monday December 17, 2012, at 03:48 am, A San Benito Police Officer observed a Red 1998 Buick 4 door traveling westbound on north Frontage road making a moving violation, and the Police Officer initiated a traffic stop. The driver was identified as 33 year old Tomas Garcia Jr. out of Harlingen. According to Mr. Garcia he was coming from a Christmas Party and was going back to Harlingen after dropping a friend in San Benito. The Police Officer then noticed signs of impairment on the driver due to alcohol consumption. The Officer then requested the driver to perform a standardized field sobriety, but the driver refused. Tomas Garcia Jr. also refused a breath test and was placed under arrest. Inside the vehicle the Officers located approximately 0.385 oz. of a green leafy substance possibly marijuana inside a clear plastic bag by the center console. The Police Officer also located several hydrocodone pills which are listed as controlled substance penalty group 3. Tomas Garcia Jr. was then taken to City Jail where he was arraigned on charges of DWI-refusal-class B misdemeanor, Possession of Marijuana class B misdemeanor and Possession of Controlled substance PG-3 by Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis who set bonds totaling \$ 15,000.