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PRESS RELEASE

INTOXICATION ASSAULT 3RD DEGREE FELONY

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On Wednesday December 12, 2012, at 3:21 pm, San Benito Police responded to the 800 Block of West Robertson in reference to an auto pedestrian accident involving a child and a white 1998 Chevrolet Pickup truck. When the Officers arrived, they discovered that the child involved was an 8 years old female who was crossing thru a designated pedestrian crossing outside Fred Booth Elementary. The driver of the pickup truck stopped at the scene. He was identified as 25 year old Richard Rivera out of San Benito. EMS was called to the scene and transported the 8 year old female to Harlingen Medical Center where she currently remains in stable condition. The responding Officers then made contact with Richard Rivera who presented signs of impairment due to alcohol consumption, and the investigating Officer conducted a partial standardized field sobriety test due to the fact that the driver is handicap. Richard Rivera was placed under arrest for driving while license invalid as well as suspicion of DWI. Richard Rivera was taken to local hospital for a mandatory blood withdrawal. Richard Rivera was brought back to the police department and placed in jail pending his arraignment this morning by Municipal Judge David Garza. The bond on the suspect for the charges of Driving While License invalid was set at \$2,000 and Intoxication assault at \$10,000.

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