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CREDIT / DEBIT CARD ABUSE

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On Wednesday October 18, 2012, at 3:07 am, San Benito Police Officers proceeded to execute several warrants of arrest issued by Justice Court for 25 year old Joel Epifanio Cortez out of San Benito for the offense of Credit Card Abuse State Jail Felony. Joel Epifanio Cortez was taken into custody at his workplace located on the 1100 block of West Business. The suspect was wanted in connection for a credit card abuse reported to the San Benito Police on September 29, 2012, in which the victim claimed that someone had used her lost credit card and charged approximately \$561 Dollars to her account at different locations in San Benito. San Benito Police Detectives managed to obtain the identity of the suspect from a transaction at a local business. Joel Epifanio Cortez, after being taken into custody, was transported to City Jail where he was arraigned by Justice of the Peace David Garza who arraigned the suspect on eight counts of credit card abuse, and set bonds at \$24,000. Joel Epifanio Cortez was then transported to the Cameron County Jail.

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