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PRESS RELEASE

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

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On Saturday July 21, 2012, at 7:16 pm. San Benito Police responded to south bound Expressway 77/83 in reference to a possible intoxicated motorist. A patrolman then observed the alleged suspect vehicle traveling at a slow rate of speed and swerving over the lanes. The Police Officer then conducted a traffic stop on a 2000 Green Jeep Wrangler over by the FM 732 overpass. The driver is 41 year old Vernon Townsend out of Brownsville. The Patrol Officer noticed that the driver presented signs of impairment due to alcohol consumption. Vernon Townsend was then transported to the Police station where a breath test indicated that his BAC was over the legal limit. Vernon Townsend charge is DWI- Class A misdemeanor due to a previous DWI conviction. Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis arraigned him and set bond at \$10,000. Vernon Townsend was then transported to the Cameron County Jail.

On Saturday July 21, 2012, at 9:46 pm. A San Benito Police Officer conducted a traffic stop on a 2006 silver four door Cadillac over the 200 block of South Reagan for a moving violation. The Patrolman then made contact with the driver who was identified as 25 year old Jesus Antonio Martinez out of Mexico. The Officer then noticed that the driver presented signs of impairment due to alcohol consumption. The driver then performed a field sobriety test, and asked for a breath test but the driver refused. Jesus Antonio Martinez is arrested and charged with DWI-Refusal class B misdemeanor. Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis arraigned him and set bond at \$8,000. He was taken to the Cameron County Jail with an ICE detainer.

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