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PRESS RELEASE

POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE / RESISTING ARREST

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On Friday June 15, 2012, at 0105 am, a San Benito Police Officer out on patrol observed a vehicle parked in the brush over by the intersection of FM 345 and San Jose Ranch road. The Police Officer then observed a male subject asleep behind the wheel of a maroon 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe displaying temporary tags. The Police Office then made contact with the subject who appeared to be intoxicated. When the Officer attempted to place the subject under arrest for DWI the subject resisted arrest, and chemical agents (pepper spray) had to be administered in order to obtain compliance. Male subject was then arrested, and identified as 25 year old Luis Manuel Zavala who is originally from Mexico. Subject was then transported to the San Benito Jail where upon arrival a small clear plastic bag that contained a white powdery substance that tested positive for cocaine was found in the subject's pants. A Police Officer who was conducting an inventory on the 2001 Chevrolet Tahoe also discovered a clear plastic bag that contained cocaine inside the vehicle. Luis Manuel Zavala was charged with possession of controlled substance, resisting arrest and DWI. Subject was arraigned by Municipal Judge David Garza who set bond bonds totaling \$12,000. Subject was issued a detainer from ICE for possibly being illegally in the country. Luis Manuel Zavala was taken to the Cameron County Jail.

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