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PRESS RELEASE

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED / ESCAPE FROM CUSTODY

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On Thursday April 19, 2012, at 3:19 am, San Benito Police Officers responded to the 1300 block of FM 345 in reference to a subject knocking on doors. A patrol officer spotted a Hispanic male subject, later identified as 24-year-old Robert E. Ortiz, walking on the side of the road. The patrol officer made contact and determined that the subject was highly intoxicated with alcohol. Police Officers discovered a 2007 Red Dodge Ram pickup with Texas license plates just down the road that had been involved in an accident and that had extensive damage. The pickup truck was unoccupied, and the investigation revealed that Mr. Ortiz was the driver of the pickup. Officers arrested Mr. Ortiz for Driving While Intoxicated and transported him to city jail for processing. Mr. Ortiz requested medical attention during the booking. Mr. Ortiz was taken to Valley Baptist Medical Center-Harlingen by ambulance and he received treatment. At 9:30 am, Valley Baptist contacted the San Benito Police who advised that Robert Ortiz had escaped thru the ambulance entrance. San Benito Police Units responded to the area and located Mr. Ortiz several minutes later in the Treasure Hills area. Mr. Ortiz was taken back to the San Benito city Jail. Mr. Ortiz is charged with Driving While Intoxicated, Class B Misdemeanor, and Escape, Class A Misdemeanor. Cameron County Justice of the Peace David Garza set bonds totaling \$40,000 Dollars.

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