



# **SAN BENITO POLICE**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **INTOXICATION ASSAULT**

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 5, 2013**



On Tuesday December 3, 2013 at 10:56pm, Officers were called to the 1000 block of Ratliff in reference to a one vehicle accident. The Officer arrived and he noticed a tan in color four door vehicle with severe damage to the left side and four males standing around a male on the ground with blood on his face and several lacerations on his head. The Officer identified the driver as 18 year old Christian Ponce. Ponce advised he was driving north bound on Ratliff and lost control of his vehicle and slammed the vehicle into a tree. The injured male was a passenger on the driver side back passenger seat. The Officer detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from Ponce's breath and signs of Ponce being intoxicated. Ponce admitted to drink alcohol and was taken to Valley Baptist Medical Center for a mandatory blood draw. The passenger was taken to Valley Baptist Medical Center for his injuries. Ponce was released from the hospital and charged with Intoxication Assault a 3<sup>rd</sup> Degree Felony. He was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Judge David Garza and bond was set at \$5,000 dollars.

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