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PRESS RELEASE

POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA (FELONY) / THEFT B

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On Sunday August 25th, 2013, at 6:58 pm. San Benito Police responded to the Los Indios Port of Entry in order to assist US Customs and Border Protection with a marijuana seizure. When the Officers arrived they discovered that moments before a 28 year old Hispanic male identified as Jacob Serrato out of Santa Rosa had attempted to enter the US driving a grey 2001 Nissan Sentra. The driver and the vehicle were then referred to a secondary inspection where a K-9 alerted to a false compartment in the rear of the vehicle. CBP agents discovered a total of 43 individually wrapped bundles in black tape that contained marijuana, and with an estimated weight of 69.71 lbs. Since the amount seized did not meet the minimum threshold for federal prosecution the case was referred to a local agency for State prosecution. Jacob Serrato was then placed under arrest for possession of marijuana (2nd degree Felony), and the contraband as well as the vehicle used to attempt to smuggle the contraband were taken to the Police station. Jacob Serrato was arraigned by Justice of the Peace David Garza who set bond at \$10,000. Jacob Serrato was also wanted by Austin Police for false statement to obtain credit, Theft and unlawful possession of firearm. Suspect was taken to the Cameron County Jail.

On Sunday August 25, 2013, at 7:21 pm. San Benito Police responded to the Wal-Mart Supercenter located on the 1100 Block of West Business 77 in reference to a shoplifter in custody. When the Officers arrived they made contact with the store loss prevention officers who stated that they had detained a 34 year old female identified as Yvette Lopez out of Harlingen after she had walked out of the store with unpaid merchandise valued at \$78.41. Female suspect attempted to take school supplies inside a black purse as well as inside empty plastic bags. Yvette Lopez was then placed under arrest for theft class B, and taken to City Jail where she was arraigned by Municipal Judge David Garza who released the suspect on a \$1,000 personal recognizance bond.

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