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PRESS RELEASE

POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE / DWI

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On Tuesday July 9, 2013, at 2:05 pm, A San Benito Police Officer observed the driver of a black 2003 Chrysler 300 not wearing his seatbelt, and proceeded to conduct a traffic stop by the 500 block of West Frontage Road. The driver, 34 year old Jesus Garcia, and his passenger, 21 year old Bernice A. Ruiz both out of Brownsville identified. Consent to search the vehicle was given by the driver and Officers located drug paraphernalia. During the search, the Officers located a small amount of marijuana, and approximately 5.7 grams of cocaine. The Officer arrested Jesus Garcia and Bernice Ruiz for possession of controlled substance (cocaine), and possession of marijuana in a drug free zone. Jesus Garcia and Bernice Ruiz were taken to City Jail where they arraigned by Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis who set bonds at \$20,000 each.

On Tuesday July 9, 2013, at 7:37 pm, San Benito Police responded to a single vehicle collision on the northbound lanes of Expressway 77 by Oscar Williams. The Officers arrived and made contact with driver 25 year old Anthony Alex Johnkoski out of Harlingen. Mr. Johnkoski apparently lost control of his grey 2005 Nissan 2 door crashing against a concrete barricade. The driver was claiming no injuries, and the investigation continued the investigating officer detected signs of impairment on the driver due to alcohol consumption. The driver agreed to take a field sobriety test, and later the officers requested a breath test from Anthony Johnkoski. The Breath test results indicated that the driver's blood alcohol content was over the legal state limit. The Officer charged him with DWI. Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis arraigned him and set bond at \$8,000.

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