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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **ORGANIZED CRIMINAL ACTIVITY, ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT**

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On Saturday June 8, 2013 at 07:19pm, Police Officers were dispatched to Bealls Department Store located 850 W. Business 77 in reference to a theft that just occurred. An employee saw two females enter the store and immediately went to U.S. Polo shirts area. The employee heard bags being unfolded and saw the two females stuff shirts into the bags. She yelled at them to



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put the shirts back and the two females ran out the store. The employee followed them out the store and yelled out the license plate number and the vehicle description to the Store Manager. Police in the area of W. Stenger and Yoakum located a grey Dodge Charger described by the employee, with five suspects in the vehicle. The Officer identified the driver as 27 year old Ida Betancourt. She was told that a theft had just occurred, from the Bealls Department Store, and was asked if there was anything inside the vehicle and she stated "No." Consent was given to the Police Officer to check the vehicle and the driver stated "you're gonna find it anyway". The Officer located two large blue in color Aeropostale bags filled with merchandise in the trunk of the vehicle under the spare tire. The right front passenger is identified as 22 year old Angel Hernandez, and the three rear passengers identified as 20 year old Liliana Guerrero, 18 year old Yessenia Nunez, and 20 year old Diana Cordova. The merchandise was taken back to Bealls Department Store and confirmed that the 25 U.S Polo shirts was property of the store. The value of the items taken was 1,175.60. All five suspects were transported to the city jail and charged with Organized Criminal Activity and Organized Retail Theft both State jail Felonies. Immigration and Customs Enforcement placed a detainer on Yessenia Nunez, Liliana Guerrero, and Diana Cordova. Judge Benjamin Yudesis arraigned them and set bonds at \$20,000 dollars each. All five were transported to Cameron County Jail.

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