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PRESS RELEASE

EVADING ARREST IN A MOTOR VEHICLE, DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

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On Sunday March 10, 2013 at 01:35am, a Patrol Officer observed a silver in color Kia passenger car driving south on the 200 block of N. Sam Houston with no headlights. The Officer activated his emergency lights and did a u-turn to conduct a traffic stop. The silver Kia turned west on W. Stenger and accelerated his speed to 80 mph passing through the red traffic light located at W. Stenger and Freddy Fender. The driver continued west on W. Stenger and lost control of his vehicle and spun out as his vehicle approached the construction zone behind 1st Community Bank. The Officer attempted to take control of the vehicle but was unsuccessful due to the driver side door handle was broken. The driver was ordered to show his hands but refused. The driver yelled to police he had a knife to his throat and was going to use it. An Officer got the attention of the driver allowing another officer to break the driver side window and removed the driver. The Officer handcuffed him and he did not have a knife. The Officers arrested the driver, 34 year old Mario Hernandez. Mr. Hernandez stated he wanted his life to end because of a fight he had with his girlfriend. During the inventory of his vehicle, Officers located half a cigarette containing marijuana in the driver side interior door handle, several empty beer cans, and a bottle of Vodka inside the vehicle. Officers transported to the police station for the booking process. During the booking process, Officers also located two clear plastic bags containing marijuana in his front left pocket. Mr. Hernandez is charged with Evading Arrest in a Motor Vehicle, Driving While Intoxicated, and Possession of Marijuana. Justice of the Peace Judge David Garza arraigned him and set bond at \$33,000 dollars.

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