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PRESS RELEASE

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE DRUG FREE ZONE (VALIUM), POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA DRUG FREE ZONE, DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

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On Friday March 8, 2013 at 03:28am a Patrol Officer conducted a traffic stop on a red Ford Crown Victoria on the 100 block of Palomita St for weaving in and out of a single marked lane. The Officer made contact with the driver who was identified as 22 year old Jessica Martinez. During the course of the traffic stop the Officer could smell an odor of alcohol emitting from the driver. The Officer requested to search her vehicle and Mrs. Martinez consented to the search. A small clear plastic bag containing marijuana was located on the right front door panel of the vehicle. A standardized field sobriety test was conducted on Mrs. Martinez which she showed several signs of being intoxicated and admitted to have had been drinking earlier at South Padre Island. She was placed under arrest for Driving While Intoxicated and Possession of Marijuana. She was transported to the station for booking process and during the inventory of her property for storage; the Officer located two yellow pills (Valium). She stated she did have prescription for the pills but could not produce the prescription or the bottle. A Possession of a Controlled Substance charge was added and both possession charges were enhanced due to the offense occurring within a 1,000ft of La Hermosa Housing and Park. Justice of the Peace Judge David Garza arraigned her and the bonds were set at \$13,000 dollars.

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