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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA- 2<sup>ND</sup> DEGREE FELONY**

**TUESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2013**



On Monday February 25, 2013, at 5:30 pm, San Benito Police investigators assigned to the HSI Task Force responded to the B&M Port of entry located in Brownsville in reference to a marijuana seizure. Upon arrival SBPD Detectives made contact with US Customs and Border Protection personnel assigned to the port of entry who stated that a White 1999 Ford Expedition operated by 19 year old Jose Filiberto Medrano out of Brownsville had attempted to enter the United States thru that port of entry. The vehicle and the driver had been referred to a secondary inspection where a K-9 unit alerted to the spare tire of the vehicle. A search of the spare tire revealed that it contained a total of 12 bundles wrapped in clear cellophane containing marijuana with a total weight of 91 lbs. Federal Investigators referred the case to the San Benito Police Department for State Prosecution after the contraband seized did not meet the federal threshold for Federal prosecution. Jose Filiberto Medrano was then placed under arrest, and the contraband and vehicle used were seized as evidence. Suspect was taken to the San Benito City Jail where he was arraigned by Cameron County Justice of the Peace David Garza who set bond at \$50,000.

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