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POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA (DRUGFREE ZONE)

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On Tuesday February 12, 2013 at 09:33pm, a Patrol Officer conducted a traffic stop on a blue Mercury Grand Marquis for speeding on the 800 block of W. Stenger. Upon making contact with the driver the Officer could smell an odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. The Officer made contact with the female driver and advised them the reason for the stop. The Officer noticed that the male passenger had ashes smeared on the front of his sweat shirt. The passenger was asked if he was smoking marijuana to which he advised he was and that there was a small roach in the ash tray. The passenger was identified as 19 year old Gerardo Sepulveda. Mr. Sepulveda was asked if there was any more in the vehicle and he stated he had some in his front right pocket. The Officer had the male step out of the vehicle and located three clear plastic baggies containing marijuana. Mr. Sepulveda was placed under arrest and charged with Possession of Marijuana in a Drug Free zone due to the offense occurring within 1000 ft of San Benito ISD PRC Boot Camp. He was transported to the station and placed in city jail. He was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Judge David Garza and given a \$2,000 dollar Personal Reconnaissance Bond.

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