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PRESS RELEASE



On January 1, 2013 around 11:53pm, the San Benito Police Department was Dispatched to the 800 Block of South Sam Houston in reference to a Vehicle Accident. The Police officers arrived and discovered that a vehicle had struck another vehicle from behind at the traffic light and left the area south on Sam Houston. The Victim described the suspect vehicle as being a 1999 or 2000 model White Chevrolet Truck. The Adult Female and her two children, ages 7 and 8, were transported to the Hospital for minor injuries as a result of the accident. A few moments later the San Benito Police Department received a call from the Cameron County Sheriff's Department in reference to a possible suspect in custody that was found at 715 E. Hudson Road in San Benito. A San Benito Police Officer went to this location where he saw the described suspect truck with front end damage. The Sheriff's Deputies had in custody, Juan Machuca age 62. He had a charge of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon with their department and still remains under investigation. It was also brought to the Officers attention that his wife had sustained a severe laceration to the front forehead that was bleeding profusely that was also a result of the accident. The Officer also noticed that Mr. Machuca was highly intoxicated and admitted to drinking alcoholic beverages at a local establishment and did remember the accident but blamed the other driver. Mr. Machuca was placed under arrest for 4 counts of Intoxication Assault due to the three victims in the vehicle left at the location and his wife. Mr. Machuca was arraigned and the Bond on each count was set at \$10,000 for a total of \$40,000. He was remanded to the Cameron County jail.

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