



# **SAN BENITO POLICE**

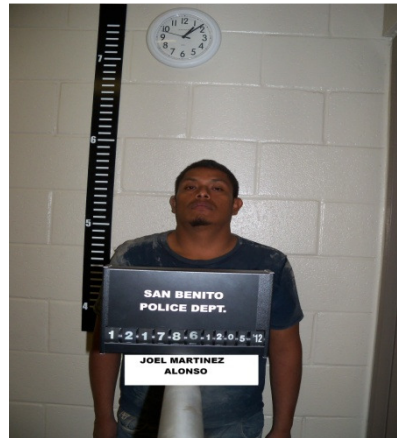
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## **PRESS RELEASE**

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

**THURSDAY DECEMBER 6, 2012**



On Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2012, at 01:38 am, San Benito Police Officers assisted the US DEA and US Border patrol in the arrest of 2 adult males and 1 male juvenile in the area of La Paloma, Texas. According to US Border Patrol they had observed 3 male subjects toss bundles across the border wall using a ladder, and later hiding in the brush after noticing the presence of the agents. The 3 subjects were located and identified as 22 year old Joel Martinez- Alonso and 19 year old Francisco Martinez Alonso as well as 15 year old male juvenile all residents of Matamoros, Mexico. The agents also discovered several bundles that contained 298.8 lbs of marijuana with an estimated street value of \$239,040 Dollars. Federal agents determined that the seizure did not meet the minimum requirements for Federal prosecution, and the case was turned over to the San Benito Police Task Force agents for State Prosecution. The two adults were taken to the San Benito City jail where they were charged with possession of marijuana 2<sup>nd</sup> degree felony, and later arraigned by Municipal Judge David Garza who set bond at \$ 10,000 each. Suspects were later taken to the Cameron County Jail with an immigration detainer issued by ICE. 15 Year old Juvenile was taken to the Cameron County Juvenile Detention Center where he currently remains.

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