



# ***SAN BENITO POLICE***

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **FAMILY VIOLENCE / DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**THURSDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2012**



On Wednesday November 14, 2012 at 11:17 am, San Benito Police responded to a residence located on the 100 Block of Diaz Street in reference to a domestic disturbance. Upon the Officers arrival they noticed several subjects arguing outside the house. Contact was then made with a 22 year old female who advised the officers that her husband common law husband who she identified as 25 year old Alejandro Tovias had arrived home at around 3 am highly intoxicated, and when she had confronted him the subject became upset, and attempted to choke her several times. Family members became aware of the incident, and called the Police due to the fact that it was not the first time Alejandro Tovias had assaulted his wife. Alejandro Tovias was then placed under arrest and charged with Assault, impeding breathing or circulation (family violence) which is a 3rd degree felony. Alejandro Tovias was then transported to City Jail where he was arraigned by Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis who set bond at \$25,000. The arraigning Judge also issued an emergency protective order against the suspect.

On Thursday November 15, 2012 at approximately 1:10 am, A San Benito Police Officer observed a White 2011 Chevrolet Pickup traveling east on West Business 77 at a high rate of speed. The Police Officer then initiated a traffic stop on the White Pick Up truck that pulled over by the 1500 Block of West Business 77. The driver was identified as 31 year old Tomas Salinas out of San Benito. The Police Officer then noticed that the driver presented signs of impairment due to alcohol consumption, and attempted to conduct a Standardized Field Sobriety Test on Tomas Salinas who refused to take the test. Driver was then placed under arrest, and taken to City Jail where a criminal record check revealed two or more DWI convictions. Tomas Salinas was then taken to a local hospital for a mandatory blood withdrawal. Tomas Salinas was later returned to City Jail where he was arraigned by Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis who set bond at \$20,000.

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