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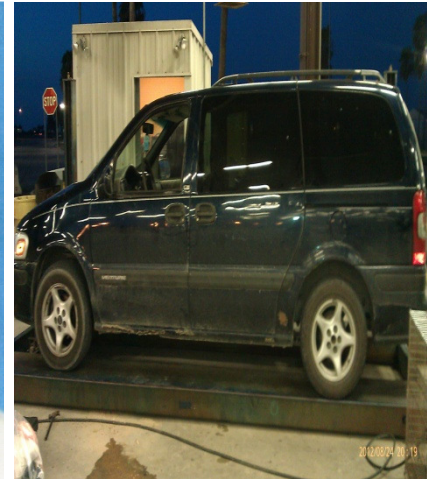
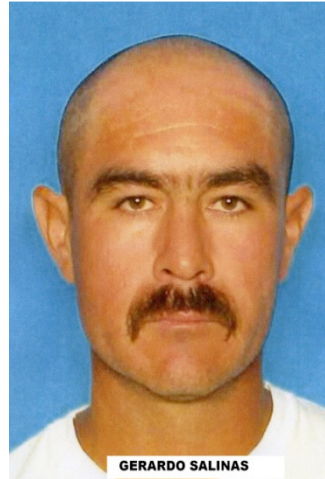
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FELONY POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

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On Friday August 24, 2012, at 7:55 hrs, A San Benito Police Detective assigned to the ICE task force received a call in reference to a marijuana seizure at the Los Indios Port of Entry. San Benito Police responded to the Los Indios bridge where upon arrival they made contact with US Customs and Border Protection agents who advised the Officers that around 2:30 pm. a blue 1997 Chevrolet Venture Van driven by 33 year old Gerardo Salinas out of San Benito had attempted to enter the US, and had been referred to a secondary inspection. A CBP K-9 alerted to a hidden compartment above the gas tank where a total of 45 packages wrapped in black electrical tape were recovered. The packages contained a green leafy substance that later tested positive for marijuana. The total weight on all 45 packages were approximately 49 lbs. CBP agents advised that the weight did not meet the federal threshold for prosecution, and was referred to a local law enforcement agency for State prosecution. San Benito Police Officers then took custody of the marijuana, and placed Gerardo Salinas under arrest for Felony possession of Marijuana. Gerardo Salinas was then taken to City Jail where he was later arraigned by Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis who set bond at \$50,000. He was transported to the Cameron County Jail with an ICE detainer.

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