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PRESS RELEASE

SHOPLIFTING INCIDENTS

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On Tuesday August 21, 2012, at 11:16 am, San Benito Police Officers were dispatched to the Dollar General Store located on the 400 Block of S. Sam Houston in reference to a shoplifting in progress call. When the Police Officers arrived the store employees advised the Officers that a male and female subject had exited the store with unpaid merchandise. The couple was located in the store parking lot and was identified by the Officers as 45 year old Patricia Montez and 46 year old Rene Torres Jr. both out of San Benito. Store employees identified the male and the female as the ones taking unpaid merchandise from the store. The stolen merchandise was later recovered from inside the vehicle that the suspects were traveling in, and totaled \$52.50. Patricia Montez and Rene Torres Jr. were placed under arrest for Theft Class B misdemeanor and transported to City Jail where they were arraigned by Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis who set bond at \$5,000 each.

On Tuesday August 21, 2012, at 5:25 pm. San Benito Police responded to the Wal-Mart store located on the 1100 Block of West Business 77 in reference to an adult female shoplifter in custody of loss prevention. When the Officer arrived he made contact with the store loss prevention who stated that they had stopped a female subject later identified as 19 year old Nancy Magaly Ortiz out of San Benito walking out of the store with unpaid merchandise totaling \$209.67. Nancy Magaly Ortiz was then placed under arrest for Theft class B and transported to City Jail where she was later arraigned by Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis who set bond at \$5,000.

On Tuesday August 21, 2012, at 7:13 pm. San Benito Police responded to the HEB store located on the 1100 Block of West Business 77 in reference to a male adult detained for shoplifting. When the Officers arrived they made contact with store employees who stated that 37 year old Jose Betancourt Jr. had concealed merchandise in his girlfriend's purse, and had been stopped as he was exiting the store. According to the store employees the suspect left the purse behind but was stopped outside the store. The total from the items recovered was \$113.59 Jose Betancourt was placed under arrest for Theft class B and taken to City Jail where he was arraigned by Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis who set bond at \$5,000.

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