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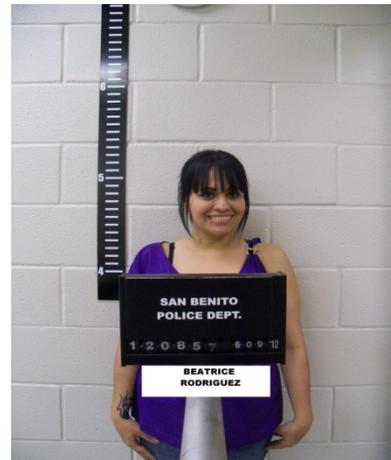
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FELONY POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA

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On Saturday June 9th, 2012, at 8:25 PM, US Customs and Border Protection Officers assigned to the Gateway International Port of Entry located in Brownsville notified a San Benito Police detective assigned to the ICE task force in reference to two females detained for attempting to smuggle narcotics into the country. San Benito Police Officers then responded to the Gateway Bridge where upon arrival made contact with CBP who then briefed the Police Officers on the incident. According to CBP at 6:00 PM. 21 year old Monica Gamez out of San Benito arrived at vehicle inspection lanes driving a green 1999 Honda 4 door displaying Texas License Plates accompanied by 28 year old Beatrice Rodriguez out of Los Fresnos. CBP Officers then referred the females and vehicle for a secondary inspection where a K-9 alerted to the rear of the car. An inspection of the rear of the vehicle uncovered a total of 30 individually wrapped bundles that contained marijuana behind the rear seat of the car, and that gave a net weight of 38.18 kilograms (75 lbs). San Benito Police then took custody of the females as well as the narcotics, vehicle, and proceeded to transport them to the SBPD for processing. While in the custody of the SBPD Monica Gamez advised the detectives that they had gone walking into Mexico to buy "barbacoa", and on the way back some unidentified males provided them with the car so they wouldn't have to walk across the border. Monica Gamez and Beatrice Rodriguez were charged with second degree felony possession of marijuana, and were arraigned by Municipal Judge Adolfo Cordova who set bond on each female suspect at \$10,000.

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