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PRESS RELEASE

AGGRAVATED ASSAULT / CRIMINAL MISCHIEF

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ON SATURDAY MAY 19, 2012, AT 6:55 PM. SAN BENITO POLICE OFFICERS RESPONDED TO BUSINESS LOCATED BY THE 500 BLOCK OF EAST BUSINESS 77 IN REFERENCE TO A DISTURBANCE AMONG SEVERAL SUBJECTS. UPON THE OFFICERS ARRIVAL THEY ESTABLISHED THAT TWO MALES, AND TWO FEMALES HAD BEEN INVOLVED IN A FIGHT. ACCORDING TO THE INVESTIGATION CONDUCTED AT THIS SCENE IT REVEALED THAT 19 YEAR OLD JOSEPH BAYER WAS WITH A FEMALE IDENTIFIED AS KIMBERLY TAPIA WHEN 18 YEAR OLD RODOLFO PINEDA, AND 19 YEAR OLD AMANDA GUZMAN ARRIVED. RODOLFO PINEDA ATTEMPTED TO ASSAULT JOSEPH BAYER WITH A TIRE IRON BUT THE INTENDED VICTIM MANAGED TO TAKE THE WEAPON AWAY FROM HIS ASSAILANT, AND THEY ENGAGED IN A PHYSICAL ALTERCATION. DURING THE ALTERCATION, THE SUBJECTS DAMAGED A VEHICLE THAT WAS PARKED IN THE AREA. AT THE SAME TIME, AMANDA GUZMAN ASSAULTED KIMBERLY TAPIA. AFTER THE FIGHT JOSEPH BAYER FLED THE SCENE ON FOOT BUT WAS LOCATED A FEW BLOCKS AWAY FROM THE SCENE. SAN BENITO POLICE PROCEEDED TO ARREST RODLOFO PINEDA FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON, POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA (AFTER .33 OZ WAS FOUND IN THE VEHICLE THAT HE WAS IN) AND CRIMINAL MISCHIEF. AMANADA GUZMAN WAS ALSO ARRESTED AND CHARGED WITH ASSAULT CLASS A, POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA AND CRIMINAL MISCHIEF. JOSEPH BAYER WAS ARRESTED FOR HAVING AN ARREST WARRANT ISSUED OUT FOR HIM FOR AGGRAVATED ASSAULT AND CRIMINAL MISCHIEF. ALL SUBJECTS WERE TRANSPORTED TO CITY JAIL WHERE THEY WERE BOOKED IN ACCORDINGLY. MUNICIPAL JUDGE BEN YUDESIS ARRAIGNED THE THREE SUBJECTS WHO SET BONDS ON RODOLFO PINEDA TOTALLING \$38,000, AMANDA GUZMAN \$23,000, AND JOSEPH BAYER \$ 30,000.

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