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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE/FAILURE TO IDENTIFY**

**THURSDAY MAY 17, 2012.**



ON WEDNESDAY MAY 16, 2012, AT 7:46 PM, A SAN BENITO POLICE K-9 UNIT CONDUCTED A TRAFFIC STOP ON A GREY 1999 FOUR DOOR TOYOTA DISPLAYING TEXAS LICENSE PLATES FOR A MOVING TRAFFIC VIOLATION BY THE 100 BLOCK OF SOUTH OSCAR WILLIAMS ROAD. THE OFFICER THEN MADE CONTACT WITH THE DRIVER OF THE TOYOTA WHO IDENTIFIED HERSELF AS JANIE MARTINEZ. THE PASSENGER IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS ALEJANDRO ZUNIGA. THE OFFICER NOTICED THAT BOTH OCCUPANTS WERE ACTING NERVOUSLY. MS. MARTINEZ CONSENTED TO A SEARCH OF THE VEHICLE. BACK UP POLICE OFFICERS ARRIVED, AND WHILE PATTING DOWN MR. ZUNIGA, HE TOLD THE OFFICERS THAT HE HAD CRACK COCAINE INSIDE HIS PANT POCKET SO MR. MARTINEZ IS PLACED UNDER ARREST. UPON FURTHER INVESTIGATION, OFFICERS DISCOVERED THAT THE NAME OF MR. ZUNIGA IS THAT OF 42 YEAR OLD DAVID ZUNIGA WHO HAD LIED ABOUT HIS IDENTITY BECAUSE HE HAS AN OUTSTANDING PAROLE WARRANT FROM TDCJ. MS. MARTINEZ IS IDENTIFIED POSITIVELY AS 36 YEAR OLD GRACIELA MARTINEZ WHO WAS WANTED OUT OF CAMERON COUNTY. THE OFFICERS TRANSPORTED THEM TO THE CITY JAIL. MR. ZUNIGA IS CHARGED WITH POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PG-1 IN A DRUG FREE ZONE AND FAILURE TO IDENTIFY (FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE). MS. MARTINEZ CHARGE IS FAILURE TO IDENTIFY (FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE). DAVID ZUNIGA AND GRACIELA MARTINEZ WERE ARRAIGNED BY MUNICIPAL JUDGE BEN YUDESIS WHO SET MR.ZUNIGAS BOND FOR THE POSSESSION AT \$15,000 AND \$8,000 ON THE FAILURE TO ID AS A WANTED FUGITIVE. MS. MARTINEZS' BOND IS SET AT \$8,000 FOR THE FAILURE TO ID AS A WANTED FUGITIVE. THEY WERE TAKEN TO CARRIZALES-RUCKER DETENTION CENTER.

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