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PRESS RELEASE

POSSESSION OF NARCOTICS

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ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 18, 2012, A SAN BENITO POLICE OFFICER STOPPED A MAROON MONTE CARLO FOR A MOVING VIOLATION. THE OFFICER DETECTED A STRONG ODOR OF MARIJUANA COMING FROM INSIDE THE VEHICLE. HE REMOVED THE OCCUPANTS OF THE VEHICLE AND PROCEEDED TO SEARCH THE CAR LOCATING A CLEAR PLASTIC BAG THAT CONTAINED A ROCK TYPE SUSTANCE LATER DETERMINED TO BE CRACK COCAINE AS WELL AS ANOTHER CLEAR PLASTIC THAT CONTAINED MARIJUANA. THE OFFICER TOLD THE OCCUPANTS ABOUT HIS FINDINGS, AND THE PASSENGER, IDENTIFIED AS 27-YEAR-OLD JOSE ARTURO GONZALEZ, ADMITTED THAT THE NARCOTICS WERE HIS. JOSE ARTURO GONZALEZ WAS PLACED UNDER ARREST, AND LATER TRANSPORTED TO CITY JAIL WHERE HE FREELY ADMITTED HAVING MORE CRACK COCAINE IN HIS POSSESSION. A TOTAL OF THREE MORE CLEAR PLASTIC BAGGIES THAT CONTAINED CRACK COCAINE WERE ON THE SUBJECT. CRACK COCAINE SEIZED WEIGHT WAS 1.6 GRAMS, AND THE MARIJUANA WAS 0.05 OUNCES. JOSE ARTURO GONZALEZ CHARGES ARE POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE PENALTY GROUP 1, THIRD DEGREE FELONY, AND POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA CLASS B. MUNICIPAL JUDGE BEN YUDESIS ARRAIGNED JOSE ARTURO GONZALEZ AND HIS BONDS TOTALLED \$ 30,000.00 DOLLARS.

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