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PRESS RELEASE

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED (3RD OR MORE), EVADING ARREST IN A MOTOR VEHICLE , POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE (COCAINE)

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On Thursday November 14, 2013 at 06:18pm a Patrol Officer observed a green in color Ford Ranger swerving unable to maintain a single marked lane on the 600 block of Ratliff St. The Officer activated his overhead lights in an attempted to conduct a traffic stop but the Ranger proceeded to travel through different streets before stopping on the 200 block of S. Travis. The Officer made contact with the driver who was identified as 54 year old Baldemar Huerta. The Officer could detect an odor of alcohol emitting from Huerta and noticed several signs of him being intoxicated and requested that he perform a Standardized Field Sobriety Test to which Huerta refused. Huerta was placed under arrest for Driving While Intoxicated and Evading Arrest in a Motor Vehicle. During the inventory of his vehicle the Officer located several small pieces of a white rock like substance scattered on the driver seat and floor board. A piece of the substance was tested and confirmed that the substance was cocaine. Huerta was charge with Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Drug Free Zone. Huerta was taken to Harlingen Medical Center for mandatory blood draw due to Huerta having 3 or more prior arrest for driving while intoxicated which enhanced the charge to a 3rd degree felony. He was later arraigned by Judge B. Yudesis and bond was set totaling \$45,000 dollars and he was taken to Cameron County Jail.

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