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POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE, POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA, RESISTING ARREST OR TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC INTOXICATION

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On Thursday September 12, 2013 at 02:40am a Patrol Officer noticed a dark in color sedan in the 200 block of S. Sam Houston alleyway with two males standing outside the vehicle. As the Officer approached the vehicle with his unit the two males standing outside the vehicle started walking away from the dark sedan and the vehicle was attempting to leave. The Officer activated his emergency lights to stop the vehicle and a back up Officer located the two males walking around the corner of a building. The Officer made contact with the driver of the vehicle who was identified as 25 year old **Ramiro Castillo** who appeared to be intoxicated. The Officer asked Castillo to step out of the vehicle and noticed a white in color pill identified as Alprazolam



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(Xanax) on the driver seat. Castillo was placed under arrest for Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Drug Free Zone. The Officer located a clear plastic baggie containing marijuana in the fuse box when a search of the vehicle was conducted. Additional charges of Possession of Marijuana in a Drug Free Zone and Public Intoxication was added. The possession charges were enhanced due to St. Benedicts Catholic Church and Landrum Elementary being within a 1,000 ft of the offense. Castillo was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Judge David Garza and bond was set at \$15,000 dollars and a \$300 dollar fine.

The Officer who stopped the two males around the corner of the building saw the heavy set male wearing a white shirt turn around and head back toward the direction of the sedan. The Officer ordered the male to return to his location and identified him as 45 year old **Jose Lora**. The Officer traced the steps of Lora and located a dry plastic medication bottle with several pills lying on the ground despite the fact that it had rained earlier. The Officer located a white rocklike substance inside the medication bottle that was field tested and tested positive for cocaine. Lora was advised he was placed under arrest for Possession of a Controlled Substance and he became uncooperative and began resisting arrest. Lora was handcuffed and transported to the station to be placed in jail. Lora was charged with two counts of Possession of a Controlled Substance Drug Free Zone and Resisting Arrest and or Transportation. He was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Judge David Garza and his bond was set at \$23,000 dollars.

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