



# **SAN BENITO POLICE**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED**

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On Friday August 30, 2013 at 01:56am a Patrol Officer conducted a traffic stop on a 1993 Lincoln Town Car. The vehicle failed to display a turn signal within 100 ft of an intersection and had a defective tail light. The Officer made contact with the driver who was identified as 46 year old Armando Mercado. The Officer could smell an odor of alcohol emitting from the driver during the interview. Mercado was asked to step out of the vehicle to perform the field sobriety test to which he failed. He was placed under arrest for Driving While Intoxicated. A criminal history check on Mercado revealed two prior convictions of DWI which enhanced the charge to a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony. He was arraigned by Justice of the Peace Judge David Garza and bond was set at \$3,000 dollars.

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