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PRESS RELEASE

CONTINUOUS ACTS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST FAMILY **POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE**

MONDAY AUGUST 12TH, 2013



LUIS ALBERTO VARGAS. On Monday August 12th, 2013, at 01:26 am, San Benito Police responded to a residence located on the 800 block of Franklin Street in reference to a domestic disturbance between mother and son. Upon arrival the Officer made contact with the 46 year old victim who was very upset and crying. The alleged victim advised the Officers that her step-son who she identified as 20 year old Luis Alberto Vargas had pushed her causing her to land on her knees, and was complaining of pain. The alleged suspect managed to flee the scene before the Police Officers arrival. A few minutes later after the Officers left the scene, the alleged suspect returned home and Officers were called again to the residence where they were able to arrest Luis Vargas. Suspect was taken to City Jail where upon arrival he was searched for weapons or contraband. A search revealed that the subject was in possession of a small amount of marijuana that was found in his pockets. The charge of Assault Family Violence was enhanced to a Third Degree Felony after a criminal record check revealed that the suspect had been arrested in 2012 for the same Offense. Luis A. Vargas was arraigned by Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis who set bonds totaling \$20,000.

DEONDRAE THOMAS. On Saturday August 10th, 2013, at 2:03 pm. A San Benito Police Officer observed a 2000 GMC maroon pick up commit a moving violation over by the 100 block of Diaz Street. Contact was made with the occupants of the pickup truck who were acting very nervous, and advised the Officers that they were coming from a friend's house. The occupants agreed to be searched for weapons or contraband. The passenger in the truck was identified as 31 year old Deondrae Cortez Thomas out of San Benito. The Police Officer then discovered a blue plastic baggie that contained a rock like substance (crack cocaine) inside the subject's pockets as well as a crack pipe. Deondrae Thomas was then placed under arrest, and taken to City Jail where he was charged with Possession of controlled substance, and drug paraphernalia. Suspect was arraigned by Municipal Judge Ben Yudesis who set bond at \$15,000.