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PRESS RELEASE

Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, Possession of a Controlled Substance (Cocaine) Drug Free Zone, Possession of Marijuana Drug Free Zone, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

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On Monday February 9, 2015 at 1133hrs, Police Detectives arrived at 100 Cornejo Drive in reference to a tip they received involving narcotics. The Officers arrived and noticed a 2004 Buick SUV approach the residence and identified the male driver as 22 year old Javier Rios and passenger 32 year old Erica Valdovinos. Ms. Valdovinos advised they lived at the residence and gave consent to search. A search of the apartment resulted in the discovery of drug paraphernalia in the bedroom and in a bottom dresser drawer a red painted serving tray with marijuana residue was located. Several more small miscellaneous items were located that were used to package and weight narcotics. A thorough search produced a Jennings Firearm 22 caliber pistol with 13 rounds of ammunition located in the bedroom. Ms. Valdovinos denied knowledge of the paraphernalia and firearm. The vehicle was searched and a cigarette containing marijuana and two plastic baggies containing cocaine was found in the dashboard. They were both placed under arrest. Javier Rios was charged with Possession of a Firearm by a Felon, Possession of a Controlled Substance in a Drug Free Zone and Possession of Marijuana in a Drug Free Zone. Erica Valdovinos was charged with Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of a Controlled Substance. They were arraigned by Judge David Garza and bond for Rios was set at \$70,000 and bond for Ms. Valdovinos was set at \$15,000.

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