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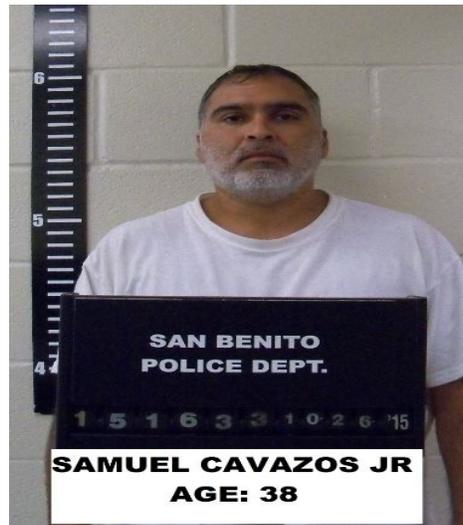
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PRESS RELEASE

ACCIDENT INVOLVING PERSONAL INJURY (HIT AND RUN)

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On Saturday October 24th, 2015, at 5:40 pm San Benito Police responded to the northbound lanes of Expressway 77/83 by the Oscar Williams on ramp in reference to a multiple car crash with injuries. When the Police Officers arrived they observed a male subject lying unconscious with head injuries on the Oscar Williams Road on ramp. The Officers also observed a dark gray Jeep Cherokee SUV that had sustained considerable damage to the rear as well as a charcoal grey Ford F-150 with extensive damage to the front. EMS and San Benito Fire Department arrived at the scene, and proceeded to render aid to the 26 year old Hispanic male lying unconscious on the on ramp. According to witnesses, the 26 year old victim was driving the Jeep Cherokee and had parked the SUV on the shoulder of the Northbound lanes of Expressway 77/83 due to mechanical issues, and was standing outside his SUV when the grey Ford F-150 that was traveling north on the expressway crashed into the parked SUV and the 26 year old male ejecting him from the scene and landing on the onramp. The male driver of the Ford F-150 fled the scene of foot in an unknown direction accompanied by several children that were inside the pickup truck. The 26 year old victim was taken to a local Hospital and later taken to a San Antonio area hospital for further treatment. San Benito Police later discovered that two 8 year old boys had been admitted to a local hospital with injuries sustained from the same crash but the driver was not located. Investigators were able to locate information inside the suspect vehicle that eventually led investigators to a residence located on 1300 block of 6th street in Harlingen. Police Investigators made contact with 38 year old Samuel Cavazos Jr. who cooperated with investigators and admitted his involvement in the crash. Samuel Cavazos was then taken to City Jail and charged with 3 counts of Accident Involving Personal Injury (3rd degree felony) and 1 count of Failure to remain at the scene of accident (class B misdemeanor). Samuel Cavazos was arraigned by Municipal Judge David Garza who set bonds totaling \$ 65,000.

All people are presumed innocent until proven guilty in a court of Law