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PRESS RELEASE

DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED, EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION ON FOOT, RESISTING ARREST OR DETENTION

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On Friday May 23, 2014 at 01:44am a Patrol Officer observed a Ford F-150 driving against traffic and quickly park in front of a residence on the 300 block of Corral. The Officer conducted a traffic stop for the traffic violation and the driver of the vehicle immediately exited the driver seat. He was instructed to remain in his vehicle and the driver refused. The Officer grabbed the driver's wrist and attempted to detain him. The driver pulled away and fled on foot. The driver struggled with the Officer and disregarded his verbal commands. A second Officer arrived to assist, and the driver was taken to the ground. The driver turned on his back and kicked at the Officers as they were trying to detain him. After several commands by the Officer and the commands being ignored the Officer was forced to use his baton and struck the driver twice on his lower legs giving commands to turn on his stomach. The driver continued to ignore the commands and continued to kick at the Officers. After two more baton strikes to his left arm, the driver complied and turned on his stomach and was placed under arrest. He was identified as 34 year old Orlando Cantu. Cantu has a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath and showed signs of being intoxicated. He was placed under arrest and transported to the city jail. He was arraigned by Judge David Garza and bond was set at \$13,000 dollars.

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