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PRESS RELEASE

Evading Arrest with a Motor Vehicle, Driving While Intoxicated 3rd or more, Reckless Driving, Evading Arrest on Foot, Possession of Marijuana in a Drug Free Zone

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On Sunday December 7, 2014 at 02:10am, a Patrol Officer conducted a traffic stop on a white in color Dodge pick-up for a traffic violation. The vehicle stopped at the intersection of W. Robertson and Corral St. The Officer approached the rear of vehicle on foot but the driver sped off heading east bound at a high rate of speed. The driver continued to drive recklessly through several streets before fleeing on foot after driving the vehicle on a grassy and muddy area near Shaffer and N. Oscar Williams Rd. Officers engaged in a foot pursuit and followed a trail leading up to the canal where a male was located lying on his back. The Officer identified the male as the driver who fled from the traffic stop. The male is 35 year old Jaime Rivera. Rivera showed signs of being intoxicated and was placed under arrest. An inventory search of the vehicle was conducted and Officers located a small plastic bag of marijuana weighing .074oz. A criminal history check revealed two prior arrest for Mr. Rivera which enhanced his driving while intoxicated charge to a 3rd degree felony. A blood search warrant was obtained by the officer and Mr. Rivera was taken to the local hospital for blood draw. He was arraigned by Judge David Garza and bond was set totaling \$30,000 dollars.

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