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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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On Friday, April 9, 2021 at approximately 12:53 AM, Precinct 8 Deputies J. Toliver and C. Cratty observed a black Nissan sedan without headlights traveling in the 9900 block of Bessemer St in Houston. Deputy Cratty activated his emergency lights and initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle.

Upon contact with the driver, Deputy Cratty detected a strong odor of marijuana emitting from within the vehicle. The driver was identified as 32 year old Johnnton Anthony Coleman. While speaking with Coleman, Deputies observed marijuana in plain view on the passenger seat. Coleman was directed to step out of the vehicle for further investigation. Deputy Cratty then observed Coleman reach for the gear shift at which time he accelerated in reverse while turning the steering wheel in Deputy Cratty's direction. Deputies Cratty and Toliver took evasive action to avoid being struck by the vehicle. Coleman struck the patrol vehicle before placing it in drive and fleeing the scene. Precinct 8 Deputies searched the area and located the vehicle unoccupied. Deputy Cratty proceeded to conduct an inventory of the vehicle and located a .40 caliber handgun under the driver's seat and 9.8 grams of marijuana. After further investigation, Coleman was found to be a convicted felon.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted charges for Felon in Possession of a Firearm, Evading and Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer. Coleman has since posted bond.

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