



Harris County Precinct 8

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PRESS RELEASE

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On Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at approximately 9:22 PM, Precinct 8 Deputy J. Glover observed a black Isuzu SUV traveling in the 1900 block of N SH 146 at 80 mph in a posted 60 mph zone.

Deputy Glover initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle and made contact with the male driver who was identified as 41 year old Ernest Montiel Jr. While speaking with Montiel, Deputy Glover observed obvious signs of intoxication. Montiel was directed to step out of the vehicle, and Deputy Glover proceeded to administer the Standardized Field Sobriety Test. Due to Montiel's performance, it was determined he was heavily impaired and unable to safely operate a motor vehicle. While conducting an inventory of the vehicle, an opened 16 oz can of beer was located.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted a felony charge of Driving While Intoxicated 3rd Offense or more. Montiel was transported to the Harris County Joint Processing Center for booking. His bond has been set at \$30,000. It was noted that Montiel is currently on probation for a previous DWI 3rd offense in Harris County from November 2020.

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