



## **Harris County Precinct 8 Phil Sandlin, Constable**

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### **PRESS RELEASE**

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On Friday, April 16, 2021 at approximately 12:45 AM, Precinct 8 Sergeant A. Cruz was actively patrolling the area of the Gulf Freeway near Edgebrook Dr. when he was flagged down by a citizen in reference a one vehicle crash. The reporting witness observed the driver of the vehicle involved flee the scene on foot. A traffic sign at the corner of the intersection had been struck during the crash and the wrecked vehicle was found unoccupied in the parking lot of the Citgo gas station located in the 10500 block of the Gulf Freeway.

Sergeant Cruz began to search the area for the driver and located a male matching the description given by the witness. After seeing Sergeant Cruz traveling in his direction, the male began to evade on foot. Sergeant Cruz pursued the suspect on foot and was able to apprehend him and place him in custody. The driver, who was identified as 52 year old Jose Roberto Contreras, appeared to be heavily intoxicated. Deputies B. Claunch and C. Cratty arrived on scene and proceeded to administer Standardized Field Sobriety Tests to which Contreras performed poorly. Upon further investigation, it was found that Contreras has 5 prior DWI convictions and showed to have an outstanding warrant for a 6<sup>th</sup> DWI arrest filed by Precinct 8 in September 2020.

The Harris County District's Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted felony charges for Driving While Intoxicated - 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense or More. Contreras was transported to the Harris County Joint Processing Center for booking. No bond has been set at this time.

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