



Harris County Precinct 8

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On Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at approximately 12:38 AM, Precinct 8 Deputy J. Gomez observed a black Mercedes sedan fail to signal a turn in the 8200 block of Rodney St. in southeast Houston. Deputy Gomez activated his emergency lighting in an attempt to initiate a traffic stop on the vehicle for the violation. The driver, later identified as 47 year old Sergio Sanchez, failed to stop and began to elude the Deputy.

A pursuit was initiated and Sanchez continued to flee northbound onto the Gulf Freeway. The vehicle continued traveling at a high rate of speed while at times abruptly swerving across all lanes. The pursuit continued for approximately 80 miles before Sanchez's vehicle was successfully spiked by the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office. As a result of the spike, the vehicle's front right tire fell apart, however Sanchez continued to travel for 20 more miles. The pursuit finally ended in Walker County after the driver lost control of the vehicle and it went off the roadway into a ditch. The suspect exited the vehicle but failed to comply with commands from Deputy Gomez and Deputy Mitchell. Sergeant A. Cruz was able to use his TASER which caused the suspect to become incapacitated and he was taken into custody without further incident. The female passenger was detained and identified. Upon further investigation, it was found that Sanchez has a court issued No-Contact Order for the female passenger due to prior family assaults with previous convictions.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted a felony charge for Evading Arrest/Detention in a Motor Vehicle and a Class A misdemeanor charge for Violating a No Contact Order. At the time of his arrest, Sanchez was wanted on 5 open felony arrest warrants which included Endangering a Child, Possession of Controlled Substance, Evading Arrest/Detention, two counts of Assault Family Member with Previous Convictions and 1 misdemeanor warrant for Terroristic Threat from separate cases out of Harris County. Sanchez was ultimately transported to the Harris County Joint Processing Center for booking. His bond has not yet been set.

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