



Harris County Precinct 8

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PRESS RELEASE

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Early this morning, at approximately 3:50 AM, Precinct 8 Deputy M. Self observed a gray Ford F-350 pickup truck with Florida license plates traveling in the 4900 block of the E. Sam Houston Pkwy. S. at 79 mph in a posted 65 mph zone. The truck had flashing white and yellow strobe lights activated and Deputy Self observed another vehicle yield to the truck as it approached from the rear. Deputy Self attempted to initiate a traffic stop on the truck, at which point the driver continued to travel in the left lane and failed to yield. The driver continued on for 3 miles before abruptly cutting across the right gore area at the Spencer Highway exit. The truck struck the curb on the right hand side of the roadway upon finally coming to a stop on the service road.

A felony stop was conducted on the vehicle and while detaining the driver, who was later identified as 27 year old Eric Christian Lugo, he advised he was with the Broward County Florida Sheriff's Office. A Glock 26 9MM handgun was located in a holster on Lugo's right hip. Lugo was later found to have a Broward County Sheriff's Office "Posse Volunteer" ID card in his possession.

Sgt. T. Gossett contacted the Broward County Sheriff's Office and was advised they did not have any record of the individual. The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted felony charges of Evading Arrest/Detention in a Motor Vehicle and Impersonation of a Public Servant. He was transported to the Harris County Joint Processing Center for booking. Bond has not yet been set in this case.

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