



Harris County Precinct 8

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On Wednesday, August 26, 2020, Deputies with Constable Phil Sandlin's Office were patrolling areas in and around Precinct 8 in preparation for Hurricane Laura. As part of these patrols, units were asked to check various locations known for homeless encampments in an effort to offer individuals the opportunity to check into shelters before the storm made landfall. While conducting one such check at Sabo Rd. and the S Sam Houston Pkwy E, an area that has become known for loitering over the past year, Deputies made contact with 41 year old Mitchell Egan Homan. While several people had vacated the area the day before when asked, Homan was not among them at the time. He is known to frequent the surrounding area and was previously arrested by Precinct 8 Deputies in **April** for Possession of a Controlled Substance. Homan has been the subject of numerous suspicious person calls in the area as well before and since that time. In **May**, he was found to be living under the same overpass and had accumulated large amounts of clothing and trash. The area was then cleaned after Homan was picked up by a friend and relocated. During this latest encounter, Homan was found to have two open felony warrants for Criminal Mischief and Possession of a Controlled Substance.

Deputies arrested Homan on the open warrants and booked him into the Harris County Jail where he is being held in lieu of a \$10,000 bond. All of the subjects who were contacted at this location over a two day period were issued criminal trespass warnings as well.

Having observed large amounts of trash and clothing strewn about once again, contact was made with the Texas Department of Transportation to request a cleanup of the area. We were advised they will send in a crew to clean up and sanitize the area in the coming days.

Deputies will continue monitoring this area in an effort to keep this from being a continuing problem. No trespassing signage is in place and citizens are asked to contact our 24 hour dispatch center at 281-488-4040 should they observe loitering at this location.

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