



Harris County Precinct 8

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On Saturday, September 4, 2021 at approximately 1:06 AM, Deputy Calhoun, assigned to the Precinct 8 Toll Road DWI Task Force, was actively patrolling the area of the 5000 block of Spencer Hwy when he observed a vehicle continuously traveling on the turn lane.

Deputy Calhoun initiated traffic stop and identified the driver as 35 year old Gilbert Roland Mendoza. Upon contact with the passengers, Deputy Calhoun discovered an unrestrained two year old child. While speaking to Mendoza, Deputy Calhoun observed obvious signs of intoxication. Mendoza was directed to step out of the vehicle, and Deputy Calhoun administered the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests to which Mendoza performed poorly.

Deputy Calhoun proceeded to conduct an inventory of the vehicle and located 16.5 grams of cocaine, several doses of buprenorphine sublingual film and a handgun. A further check of Mendoza's information revealed he has 3 prior DWI convictions and a Possession of a Controlled Substance conviction.

The Harris County District's Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted felony charges of Driving While Intoxicated 3rd of More (4th offense), Possession of a Controlled Substance and Felon in Possession of a Firearm. Mendoza was booked into the Harris County Joint Processing Center. His bonds have been set at \$20,000 for the DWI, \$15,000 for the weapons charge and \$2,500 for the narcotics.

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