



Harris County Precinct 8

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PRESS RELEASE

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In the early morning of Monday, September 20, 2021, Harris County Precinct 8 Deputy M. Mitchell was conducting narcotic interdiction in the 600 block of Edgebrook Dr when he observed a black Land Rover make numerous traffic infractions. Deputy Mitchell proceeded to follow the vehicle and initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle in the 10500 block of Bessemer St.

While approaching the vehicle, Deputy Mitchell detected a strong odor of marijuana emitting from the vehicle. Deputy Mitchell made contact with the male driver who was identified as 21 year old Andrez Agustin Arellano. While speaking with Arellano, he began to show signs of nervousness. The driver was asked to step out of the vehicle and was detained. The passenger was identified as 19 year old Andrea Reyes and was also ordered to step out of the vehicle.

Deputy Mitchell proceeded to conduct a probable cause based search of the vehicle and located several black trash bags, backpacks, suitcases and a firearm within reach of both Reyes and Arellano. Sergeant B. Covey arrived on scene as back-up and detained Reyes to conduct a more thorough search of the vehicle. Deputy Mitchell proceeded with his search and located the following:

- 2700 liquid THC cartridges
- Approximately 6 lbs of marijuana
- 9 firearms including a fully automatic
- 20 grams of cocaine
- 2,725 Xanax pills (25 ounces)
- US currency

Deputy A. Breese and K-9 Duke arrived on scene where K-9 Duke positively alerted on the contraband. The amount of US currency totaled \$2,821.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted two felony charges for Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver, felony Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Prohibited Weapon on both Arellano and Reyes. The Asset Forfeiture division was contacted and accepted the seizure of the U.S. Currency. Both subjects were taken into custody and transported to the Harris County Joint Processing Center for booking. Bond was set at \$170,000 total for Arellano and \$45,000 total for Reyes.

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