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On Monday, May 3, 2021 at approximately 2:00 AM, Precinct 8 Deputy J. Gomez observed a Chevrolet pickup with no headlights traveling in the 9900 block of Bessemer St. Deputy Gomez activated his emergency lights and initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle for the violation. Upon contacting the driver, Deputy Gomez detected a strong odor of marijuana emitting from within the vehicle. The driver was identified as 19 year old Joseph Garrett Saulnier and the three passengers were identified as 18 year old Bryant Cayden Chatham, 21 year old Brandon Noguez and a 16 year old juvenile.

While speaking with the occupants of the vehicle, Deputy Gomez observed a bullet casing in plain view. All four occupants of the vehicle were then directed to step out of the vehicle and were detained for further investigation. Deputy Gomez proceeded to conduct a probable cause based search of the vehicle and located the following:

- 17 grams of Xanax
- 35 grams of marijuana
- 2 handguns
- 18 grams of psychedelic mushrooms
- several plastic baggies containing 1.1 grams of heroin

The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted felony charges for Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver on Saulnier, Noguez and Chatham. Unlawful Carry of a Weapon charges were accepted on the juvenile. The three adult subjects were taken into custody and transported to the Harris County Joint Processing Center for booking. The juvenile subject was transported to Juvenile Detention Center. After further investigation, the juvenile was found to be reported as missing through Galveston County. Bonds for Saulnier and Noguez were set at \$2500 while Chatham's bond was set at \$5000.

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