



Harris County Precinct 8

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On Sunday, October 10, 2021 at approximately 2:24 AM, Precinct 8 Deputy P. Garcia was dispatched to assist Houston Police Department on a weapons disturbance at the House of Pies located in the 11300 block of Fuqua St in Houston. Upon arrival to the area, Deputy Garcia heard multiple gunshots coming from the 12500 block of the Gulf Freeway which is an area known for high crime activity. Deputy Garcia observed a white Dodge Charger quickly exit the parking lot and head northbound on the Gulf Freeway. The vehicle entered the main lanes traveling at speeds exceeding 116 MPH weaving in and out of traffic.

Deputy Garcia activated his emergency lights and conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle. All five occupants of the vehicle were directed to step out of the vehicle and were detained. The driver was identified as 20 year old Alexander Nicholas Nino and the four passengers were identified as 17 year old Nathan Brian Garcia Jr., a 16 year old juvenile male, a 19 year old female and a 16 year old juvenile female. Deputies proceeded to conduct a probable cause based search of the vehicle and located a small baggie containing powdered cocaine, 1.68 grams of marijuana and two loaded handguns.

Upon further investigation, Deputies learned one of the handguns was reported stolen through South Houston Police Department. Garcia stated the stolen handgun belonged to him and he had previously purchased it on the "streets". The male juvenile took ownership of the cocaine and the second handgun. Deputies proceeded to conduct a more thorough search of the vehicle and located a black bag containing 4.86 grams of methamphetamine, 11.75 grams of marijuana, a scale and drug paraphernalia. Deputies also observed a gunshot hole on the fender of the vehicle.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted felony charges for Possession of a Controlled Substance on Nino with a bond set at \$15,000. Unlawful Carry of a Weapon charges were accepted on Garcia with a bond set at \$100. The male juvenile was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance and Unlawful Carry of a Weapon. The two adult subjects were taken custody and transported to the Harris County Joint Processing Center for booking. The juvenile subject was transported to the Juvenile Detention Center.

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