



Harris County Precinct 8

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PRESS RELEASE

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On Sunday, June 6, 2021 at approximately 12:36 AM, Precinct 8 Deputy P. Garcia observed a black Nissan Xterra with an obstructed license plate traveling in the 5500 block of Spencer Hwy. Deputy Garcia activated his emergency lights and initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle for the violation. The driver was identified as 31 year old Lupito Validez Garza. A check of Garza's information revealed he was on probation for Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver.

Deputy Garcia proceeded to conduct a consent search of the vehicle and located several small plastic baggies in a bunch and a stack of cash. Garza was found to have a second stack of cash and a plastic baggie containing 8 grams of cocaine on his person. Deputy A. Breese and K-9 Duke arrived on scene where K-9 Duke positively alerted on the contraband. The amount totaled \$2,075 in US currency.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted felony charges for Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver. Garza was taken into custody and transported to the Harris County Joint Processing Center for booking. Upon arrival to JPC, Deputy Garcia located 16 small plastic baggies containing cocaine. The total weight of the cocaine was 14 grams. Garza's bond has been set at \$30,000.

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