



Harris County Precinct 8

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On Sunday, July 19, 2020, at approximately 10:00 PM, Precinct 8 Deputy J. Mitchell was on patrol when he heard an in progress robbery call go out at 930 Edgebrook Dr. (Conoco Gas Station) on the Houston Police southeast radio channel. HPD dispatch advised that a Hispanic male wearing a red hat had just robbed the complainant at gun point. Deputy Mitchell arrived on the scene and was immediately flagged down by the victim of the robbery. The victim advised that two suspects were currently inside the store. At that time, one of the suspects exited the store and was pointed out to Deputy Mitchell by the victim as being one of the suspects who robbed him. Deputy Mitchell immediately detained 50 year old Charles Wendell James.

The victim further advised Deputy Mitchell that he was certain the second suspect was still inside the store and stated he was armed. Concerned there may be a secondary robbery occurring inside the store, Deputy Mitchell entered in search of the second suspect. He was able to locate the male, identified as 38 year old Cesar Salomon Davilla-Chapa, sitting at a slot machine in the back of the store. Deputy Mitchell was able to detain Davilla-Chapa who was immediately checked for weapons. During a pat down, he recovered a pistol with an extended magazine from Davilla-Chapa's front waistband. A check of the pistol's serial number revealed it had been reported as stolen through the Houston Police Department. After further research, Davilla-Chapa was also found to be a convicted felon, which by law prohibits him from carrying a pistol. A check of a bag he had in his possession also led to the discovery of a large amount of US currency, 14 grams of heroin, 5.3 grams of powder cocaine, 4.5 grams of crack cocaine and 3.2 grams of crystal meth.

Units learned the two suspects had arrived in a grey pick-up truck that was located in the parking lot occupied by a Hispanic female. Contact was made with the female, who was identified as 24 year old Cassandra Yudid Valadez, who was sitting in the driver's seat. Units were able to recover additional heroin, cocaine and prescription narcotics from the truck. In addition to the narcotics, two hand held radios were recovered from the pick-up. One radio was found to be a functional police style radio that had Houston Police channels programmed into it.

The Harris County District Attorney's office was contacted and accepted charges on the three individuals. They were transported to the Harris County Joint Processing Center for booking. Charles James was charged with Robbery by Threat. His bond was later set at \$40,000 out of the 339th District Court. Cesar Davilla-Chapa was charged with Felon in Possession of a Weapon, Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver, and Robbery by Threat. His bond was later set at \$85,000 out of the 339th District Court. Cassandra Valadez was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance. Her bond was later set at \$2500 out of the 339th District Court. The US currency located on Davila Chapa was seized.

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