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PRESS RELEASE

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Early this morning at approximately 12:10 AM, Precinct 8 Deputy J. Toliver and Deputy D. Webber responded to a suspicious vehicle call in the 800 block of Dixie Farm Rd. in southeast Harris County. The caller advised he witnessed suspects stealing an enclosed cargo trailer from the Studio 6 parking lot located near the Gulf Freeway and Dixie Farm Rd. He advised the dispatcher that the suspects had pulled over near Gulf Stream Park and Jet Stream Ct. after leaving Studio 6 and appeared to be attempting to secure the enclosed cargo trailer to a maroon GMC pick-up. Upon arriving, Deputies observed a vehicle and trailer matching this description. The suspects, after seeing the Deputies arriving, entered the truck and began to leave the area. Deputies attempted to conduct a traffic stop on the truck at that time. The trailer, which was only secured to the truck by a chain, began to “fishtail” out of control as it traveled. The driver was able to recover and turned north onto Galveston Rd. in an attempt to elude pursuing units. The driver briefly slowed near the intersection of Scarsdale Blvd., where a female passenger, later identified as 27 year old Kristian Rosas, exited the truck and began to evade Deputies on foot. Deputies Toliver and Webber were able to apprehend Rosas and take her into custody after a brief chase.

The truck continued to travel north on Galveston Rd. as other Precinct 8 units attempted to locate it. Sgt. A. Cruz was able to get behind the truck as it turned northbound onto Shaver St. The pursuit continued and the driver made a U-turn at Fairmont Pkwy. headed back southbound on Shaver St. The pursuit continued on for approximately 20 miles, south into the Clear Lake area to NASA Pkwy. and back north on the Gulf Freeway to the S. Sam Houston Pkwy. Once on the Gulf Freeway, the Houston Police Department provided air support to assist units with the pursuit. The driver went westbound on the S. Sam Houston Pkwy. where he remained on the main lanes of the Toll Road. Upon reaching the Mykawa exit, the driver exited the Toll Road and continued west on the service road. Harris County Precinct 7 units made 2 “stop stick” attempts on the vehicle but were unsuccessful. Precinct 8 Deputy M. Self was able to get ahead of the pursuit and set up “stop sticks” just east on Cullen Blvd. The driver of the evading vehicle, seeing spike strips across the roadway, made a sudden turn north onto Primoris Way, a dead end road. The driver, not having anywhere to go, finally stopped and attempted to back up. Realizing he was blocked by responding units, he surrendered to Deputies without further incident.

The driver was later identified as 30 year old Francisco Torres of Houston. After further investigation, the trailer was in fact found to be freshly stolen from the Studio 6 parking lot. A check of the truck’s VIN number revealed it had been reported stolen to the Houston Police Department on August 19th.

The Harris County District Attorney’s Office was contacted and agreed to accept felony charges of Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle (stolen truck) and Evading in a Motor Vehicle on Francisco Torres. Charges of misdemeanor Evading was accepted on Kristian Rosas. She was also found to be wanted on a Parole Violation out of Louisiana for an Injury to a Child case. Charges of Theft of the trailer were declined by the DA’s Office and both suspects were booked into the Harris County Jail. Bonds have not yet been set.

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