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On Sunday, January 10, 2021 at 1:10 AM, Harris County Precinct 8 Deputy D. Webber was dispatched to the 5600 block of Spencer Highway in Pasadena in reference to a traffic accident. Upon arrival, it was discovered the victim's vehicle was struck by a red Chevrolet pickup that then fled the scene. The victim attempted to follow the vehicle, but eventually lost sight of it due to the driver turning off its lights. While talking to the victim, Deputy Webber observed a red Chevrolet S-10 traveling northbound on the Service Road. Deputy Webber and Sergeant T. Gossett proceeded to follow the truck and observed it traveling at a high rate of speed. Deputy Webber activated his emergency lights and initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle.

While approaching the truck, Deputy Webber detected a strong odor of marijuana emitting from within the vehicle. The driver, identified as 27 year old Steven Anthony Hooker, was asked to step out of the truck and was detained for further investigation. Sergeant Gossett observed fresh damage to the right front quarter panel of the truck which was consistent with the damage to the victim's vehicle. Deputies proceeded to conduct a probable cause based search of the vehicle and located a Crown Royal bag in the vehicle containing the following:

- 1.59 grams Methamphetamine
- 2.3 grams Oxycodone pills
- 5.3 grams Cocaine
- 12.0 grams Ecstasy pills
- 8.3 grams Acetaminophen-Hydrocodone pills
- 10.4 grams Alprazolam pills (blue colored Xanax)
- 18.5 grams Alprazolam pills (white colored Xanax)
- 7.6 grams Marijuana individually packed
- Multiple small plastic baggies

A large stack of cash was also located in Hooker's front pocket totaling \$2,240 in US Currency. Upon a closer inspection, the bills were found to be counterfeit.

Deputy Webber transported the defendant and the suspect vehicle back to the initial scene where the victim positively identified the Chevrolet pickup as being the vehicle that struck hers.

The Harris County District Attorney's Office was contacted and accepted charges for Forgery, Possession of Controlled Substance, Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Deliver and Failure to Stop and Give Information. Hooker was taken into custody and was transported to the Harris County Joint Processing Center for booking. His bond has been set at \$28,100 total.

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