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Alleged defendant in Possession of Marijuana Apprehended

The San Juan Police Department seized approximately 55 pounds of marijuana at a residence located at 5302 Dorado Street, San Juan, Texas, for shots fired. Investigation revealed that the home owner, Hugo Gerardo Rivas was in possession of Marijuana at the location. The San Juan Police Department arrested Hugo Gerardo Rivas for Possession of Marijuana and was also charged with Failure to Identify Fugitive.

On February 2, 2014, at approximately 7:31 pm, the San Juan Police Department responded to the 5300 block Dorado Street, San Juan, Texas, reference to shots fired. Upon officer's arrival, the San Juan Officer's noticed several marked Hidalgo County Sheriff Units at a residence located at 5302 Dorado Street. Deputies informed the San Juan Officers that they had received a tip about a possible home invasion at said residence. Deputies had already made contact with the homeowner who identified himself as Fernando Rivas Garza and was later determined his real identity was Hugo Gerardo Rivas. During their investigation, Hugo G. Rivas denied Deputies consent to search his residence and immediately left the residence in a 1992 Ford F350.

San Juan Officers proceeded to the neighboring street where contact was made with a witness that heard the gunshots. Witnesses claimed to have heard the gunshots coming from the area the Deputies were at. San Juan Officers returned to the residence at 5302 Dorado St and made an attempt to check on the welfare of the homeowner. San Juan officer's approached the driveway of the residence and observed a red in color Ford Bronco parked in the driveway. San Juan Officers noticed several bundles of marijuana in plain view inside said the red color Bronco. Deputies then located the homeowner, Hugo Gerardo Rivas, as he was last seen going west bound on Owassa Rd. Minutes later, Hugo Gerardo Rivas was located at the intersection of Azteca and Kennedy Street, San Juan, Texas. Due to the large amount of narcotics found inside the Ford Bronco, Hugo Gerardo Rivas was transported back to the residence. Upon arrival at the scene, Hugo Gerardo Rivas provide consent to search the residence. Once the residence was secured, San Juan Investigators secured a search warrant and seized four (4) bundles of marijuana an approximate weight of 55 pounds of marijuana. Hugo Gerardo Rivas was charged with Possession of Marijuana and Failure to Identify Fugitive from Justice.

Hugo Gerardo Rivas was presented before Judge Eloy Hernandez of the San Juan Police Department where he was issued a \$15,000.00 bond for Possession of Marijuana and \$5,000.00 bond for Failure to Identify Fugitive intent to give false information. Hugo Gerardo Rivas remains in the custody of the San Juan Police Department and will be later transferred to the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Office.

Witnesses claim to have seen subjects running from the location and shots fired a few minutes before the Hidalgo County Sheriff's Deputies arrived to the location. Witnesses also claimed to have seen a silver Toyota Tundra leaving the location at a high rate of speed before the Deputies arrived to the location.

The public is urged to contact the San Juan Police Department if they have any information regarding this case and to contact the San Juan Crime Stoppers program at 956-283-8477.