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Two Local Men Arrested and Charged with DUI after Eluding Troopers in Separate Events Overnight

Two motorists were arrested and booked into the Washoe County Detention Facility overnight for DUI and other charges after attempting to flee from troopers in two separate events.

The first event took place at approximately 11:30 pm last evening when a sergeant with the Nevada Highway Patrol attempted to stop a 1992 Mercedes station wagon for traveling 80 miles per hour in a posted 45 mph speed zone on Pyramid Way just north of Queen Way in Sparks.

The errant driver, later identified as 35-year-old Jose Galvan-Medina of Sparks, ignored the emergency lights and siren of the NHP cruiser and continued to travel north on the four-lane highway. Several troopers and other officers from the Sparks Police Department were alerted to the call and began to respond to the area. The driver failed to maintain a lane and ultimately stopped several miles later near the driveway of his residence in Sparks. Galvan-Medina exited his vehicle and displayed excessive signs of alcohol consumption. He became agitated and resistant as he was placed into custody without harm. He was transported and booked into the detention facility for DUI-second offense; speed-80 mph in a posted 45 mph zone; eluding a police officer; and resisting arrest. His total bail amount was listed at \$10,750 dollars.

Approximately three hours later at around 2:40 am, a trooper was patrolling eastbound Interstate 80 near Virginia Street and observed a blue 2000 Ford Explorer SUV with expired license plates. He activated the emergency lights and siren of his patrol car anticipating the driver to stop and park somewhere on the shoulder near the Wells Avenue interchange.

The driver of the SUV, later identified as 22-year-old Justin J. Rodriguez of Reno, continued to travel east and transitioned onto southbound IR-580 at the Spaghetti Bowl. Rodriguez exited the highway at the Glendale Avenue interchange and turned right onto East 2nd Street. He pulled over and stopped his SUV momentarily on two separate occasions as if he was yielding to the trooper, before turning north onto Kietzke Lane.

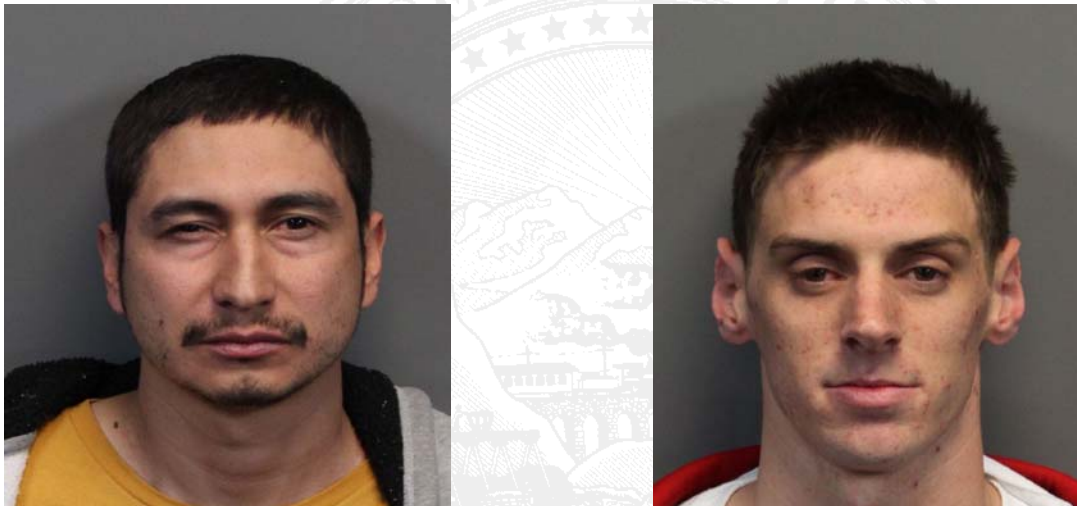
Rodriguez made a left turn onto Kuenzli Lane from Kietzke and traveled a short distance before finally stopping as other troopers and officers from the Reno Police Department converged at the location. He displayed signs of intoxication and an odor of marijuana was present as well.

Once placed into custody without incident, several weapons including a switch-blade knife, a handgun, and a semi-automatic rifle were located inside the vehicle. Additionally, several baggies of marijuana totaling nearly one ounce were located as well.

Rodriguez was transported to the Washoe County jail and booked for expired vehicle registration; DUI-first offense; possession of marijuana; possession of a dangerous weapon; and eluding a police officer. His total bail was listed at \$8,175 dollars.

Both men are still in custody at the Washoe County jail this afternoon.

Two booking photos are attached that were provided by W.C.S.O.



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