



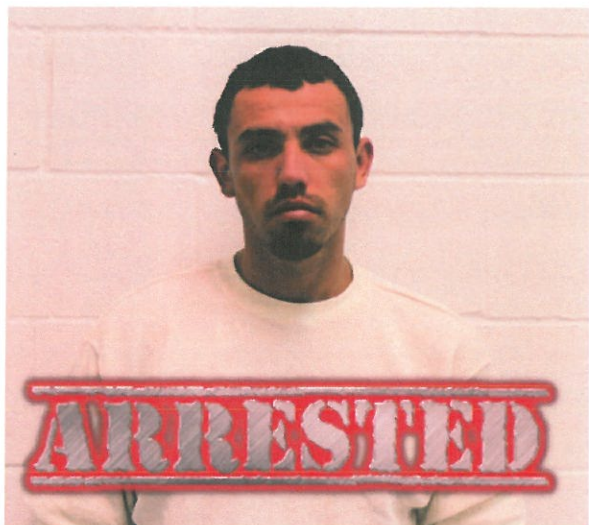
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PRESS RELEASE

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On Wednesday, January 27th, 2016 at approximately 10:58 AM, Officers from the Red Oak Police Department observed a vehicle traveling westbound in the 400 block of Red Oak Road with an obscured rear license plate. The vehicle had a large storage tote mounted to the rear of the vehicle covering the license plate and the vehicle appeared to be a black Ford Expedition. The Officer activated his emergency lights in the 600 block of Red Oak Road to stop the violator for the offense. The suspect vehicle failed to yield to the emergency lights and sirens, started to accelerate and disregarded all traffic control devices. The vehicle stayed on the Southbound IH-35E service road and Red Oak Police personnel advised the dispatcher of the pursuit. Officers requested that the

on duty dispatcher contact the Waxahachie Police Department and brief them of the incoming pursuit and requested that spike strips be prepared for deployment. The pursuit continued along S. IH-35E service road until the suspect vehicle entered S. IH-35E coming into Waxahachie. The suspect vehicle was spiked by the Waxahachie Police Department just south of the 399A mile marker on the S. IH-35E service road. The driver's side front tire was deflated by the spike strips and the suspect vehicle started to slow and rolled to a stop in the median between the S. IH-35 E service road and S. IH-35E. The Hispanic male driver fled the vehicle on foot and a short foot pursuit ensued with the driver being taken into custody without any further incident. The driver was identified as DeGracia, Alfredo David 6/25/1990. Mr. DeGracia showed to have active warrants out of the City of Waxahachie for driving while license invalid, fail to display driver's license, theft of property and failure to appear. The warrants were confirmed and added to the charges. During a search of the vehicle, a white crystal like substance was recovered from the front driver's compartment which officers recognized as methamphetamine. The Red Oak Police Department has filed felony evading arrest/detention with a vehicle and felony possession of a controlled substance under 1 gram against Mr. DeGracia. Mr. DeGracia was transported back to the Red Oak Police Department pending the arraignment on the aforementioned offenses.

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