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February 27, 2024
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TWO SUSPECTS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED BY THE KEMAH POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THE BURGLARY OF A HABITATION.

The Kemah Police Department has caught and arrested two perpetrators for the burglary of a habitation, sending a clear message that such criminal activities will not be tolerated in our community.

On February 22, 2024, at approximately 7:18 pm, the Kemah Police Department received a call from a concerned citizen reporting suspicious individuals in the 600 block of Sandy Bay Lane.

The officers quickly responded and found a black Ford F-150 parked on the property, with two men inside. The rear license plate of the vehicle was covered with masking tape, which caught the officers' attention, prompting them to investigate further.

As they approached the vehicle, the officers noticed that the two men were behaving suspiciously and seemed nervous. One of the men claimed that they were there to remove a broken refrigerator from a property on Marsh Lane, as per their supervisor's instructions.

However, the officers became suspicious of the men's story when they realized that the refrigerator was still wrapped in plastic and the interior was still cold, indicating that it had not been unplugged for long. Additionally, neither of the men could produce proper identification when asked.

The officers contacted the property owners, who confirmed that no one should have been on the property at that time and that no refrigerator needed to be removed. The officers quickly realized that the two men were there under false pretenses and arrested them.

The suspects were identified as Juan Carlos Martinez-Reyes, a 27-year-old male from El Salvador, and Mario Hernandez, an 18-year-old male from Honduras.

The officers processed their fingerprints through the automated fingerprint identification system (AFIS) to check for any prior criminal records. It was discovered that both men had a history of criminal activity, including theft and burglary. The Kemah Police Department arrest both men for Burglary of a Habitation.

The Kemah Police Department notified the Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) agency and placed a detainer on both individuals to ensure they could not flee the country.

The swift and effective action of the Kemah Police Department in apprehending the suspects ensured the safety of the community and brought to justice individuals who sought to cause harm through criminal activities.



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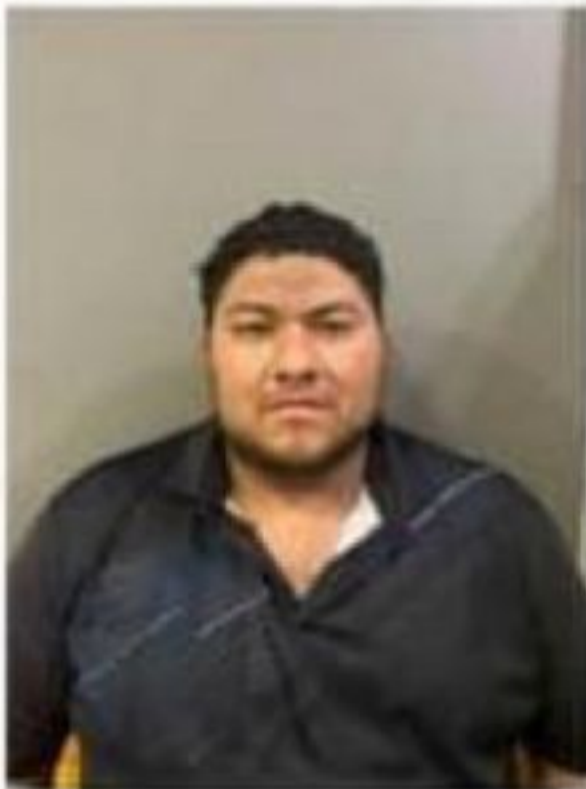
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The department acknowledges the bravery and dedication of the officers involved in the operation and extends its gratitude to the community for their continued cooperation and support in their efforts to uphold law and order in the city of Kemah.

The officers' quick thinking and sharp instincts allowed them to protect the community from potential harm and bring the suspects to justice.



NAME: Martinez-Reyes, Juan Carlos
Age: 18 Years Old
Race/Sex: Hispanic/Male
Arrest Date: 02/22/2024
Charge 1: Burglary of a Habitation
Charge 2: Immigration Detainer (Hold)



Name: Hernandez, Mario
Age: 18 Years Old
Race/Sex: Hispanic/Male
Arrest Date: 02/22/2024
Charge 1: Burglary of a Habitation
Charge 2: Immigration Detainer (Hold)

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