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Media Release

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Re: HCSO Deputy Utilizes LIVE911 Program to Locate, Arrest Fuel Theft Suspects -
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On 04-03-2024 at approximately 10:40 p.m., a customer at the Circle K gas station located at 35075 Cortez Boulevard in Ridge Manor called 9-1-1 to report two suspects who appeared to be stealing fuel from the station's underground fuel reservoir.

The caller advised the men parked their vehicle over the opening to the underground fuel reservoir. The driver proceeded to exit the vehicle and pretend to work under the hood. The caller then observed a pair of hands descend from an access point in the bottom of the vehicle and remove the tank cover, and then insert a hose into the underground fuel reservoir.

The caller provided a detailed description of the suspects and their vehicle.

Deputy Juan Moore, who was utilizing the agency's LIVE911 program, was able to listen to the 9-1-1 call as the dispatcher was receiving the information from the caller. Deputy Moore immediately self-dispatched to the scene. Prior to the LIVE911 program, deputies would have to wait until the call was dispatched to respond.

Within minutes, Deputy Moore arrived at the intersection of Cortez Boulevard and U.S. 301 where the caller advised the suspects' vehicle was currently stopped at the red light. Already having a description of the suspects' vehicle, Deputy Moore was able to locate the vehicle as it traveled across the intersection and headed south on U.S. 301.

Deputy Moore immediately conducted a traffic stop on U.S. 301, just south of Dogwood Drive.

Deputy Moore made contact with the driver, **Yaset Perez DOB/10-27-1982**, and his passenger, **Yoislán Rosales DOB/12-11-1982**.

Post Miranda both suspects provided conflicting statements to deputies at the scene regarding the incident.

Deputies did observe the rear seat of the vehicle had been removed and items from the trunk had been moved to the front seat area. Additionally an exhaust pipe had been redirected to make room for a modified fuel container that was protruding from below the trunk area.

Both men were arrested at the scene on a charge of **Larceny Retail Theft**. The men were transported to the Hernando County Detention Center where they are each being held in lieu of a \$5,000 bond.

Sheriff Al Nienhuis said this incident illustrates the fact that the faster a deputy can get to the scene of a serious crime, the more likely the suspect will be apprehended and/or the crime will be solved.

“One of the biggest hurdles law enforcement has always faced is the previously-unavoidable delay between the call being received and the call being dispatched. Even under the best circumstances this historically has been a minute or two. Whether on foot or in a vehicle, a suspect can get a long way in a couple of minutes,” the Sheriff said. “A sufficient number of properly-deployed deputies is still absolutely critical. This new technology, however, will allow in-service patrolling deputies to respond immediately to serious calls. Not only will those deputies be able to get there quicker, they will be equipped with pertinent information about the call and any suspects, as soon as that information is received in the Communications Center. This technology should often take away one of the huge advantages a fleeing suspect has after committing a serious and immediately-reported crime.”

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