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Press Release
Re: Probation and Parole Arrests

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“We are very proud of the hard work and diligence of the probation and parole officers involved in these arrests. Their actions may have saved the lives of the two children. ”

-Rose Bobchak
Probation and Parole Manager
New Mexico Corrections Department

On Wednesday February 22nd, New Mexico Corrections Department Probation and Parole officers arrested two offenders under their supervision in Espanola. While doing their daily checks on offenders, they noticed 30-year-old Joe Steven Martinez and thirty-year-old Rose Andria Garcia parked in a truck at a local fast food restaurant.

The offenders raised the officers’ suspicions because the offenders were parked for a long period of time without ordering any food. The probation and parole officers pulled over the offenders as they tried to drive away from the restaurant.

Officers found Rose Andria Garcia with six grams of cocaine on her person. The driver, Joe Steven Martinez was in possession of spice. In the backseat of the offender’s truck, there were two toddlers ages one-years-old and two-years-old. Probation and Parole officers arrested Garcia and Martinez.

New Mexico State Police and CYFD were called in. The children are in CYFD custody. Garcia and Martinez were booked into the Rio Arriba County jail.

Martinez is currently facing possession of cocaine with intent to distribute charge, abuse of a child charges and a probation violation charge. Garcia is charged with a probation violation. Both offenders had prior probation violations and Probation and Parole officers had recommended that they serve the remainder of their probation in prison.

Prior history:

On May 7th or 8th of 2008, Martinez and Garcia's infant child ingested cocaine and died as a result. On March 18, 2010, they pled no contest to abuse of a child. They were given a deferred sentence and placed on probation for three years.

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