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New Mexico Corrections Department
Press Release

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Re: Probationer Rene Hermosillo Arrested Due to Probation/Parole Officers' Diligence

New Mexico Corrections Department Probationer Rene Hermosillo (DOB 5/21/1983) was arrested by NMCD Probation/Parole and the Lea County Drug Task Force for charges of Trafficking a Controlled Substance on October 18, 2012, in Lovington. Hermosillo picked up new charges when Probation Officers visited his residence for a regular home visit. When Officers first arrived, there was no response at the door, but Officers could hear voices inside the residence. After a number of attempts to get the residents to open the door, Hermosillo's wife answered the door. When officers searched the home, they found Hermosillo and a large amount of cocaine inside the home. Hermosillo admitted to drinking alcohol. He also had a known felon in his home. These are both additional violations of Hermosillo's supervision in addition to violations or the new charges.. Hermosillo is being held at the Lea County Detention Center awaiting a probation violation hearing and a hearing for his new charges.

After a search warrant was obtained by the Lea County Drug Task Force a total of 39.6 grams of cocaine, 10 grams of marijuana, and a digital scale was found at the residence. Probationer Hermosillo was arrested on an Arrest Order. Hermosillo's Probation Violations include: picking up new charges for trafficking a controlled substance, alcohol use, having drug paraphernalia, association with known felon, and tampering with home visits.

Offender History:

12/31/2011 POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - FELONY
12/31/2011 RESISTING/EVADING AN OFFICER
12/31/2011 RECKLESS DRIVING
06/18/2012 Probation began

Attached are pictures of the seized cocaine.

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