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**NEWS
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10/14/2021

Traffic Stop Leads to Discovery of Drugs

Date/Time: 10/13/2021 @ 4:14 A.M.

Location: 300 block of Redd Road

Arrested: Valerie Hernandez, 33 years of age, Central El Paso Resident (Passenger)

Arrested: Harley Edward BELL, 36 years of age, West El Paso Resident (Driver)

EL PASO, Texas — A traffic stop leads to the discovery of drugs and the arrest of a couple. On Wednesday at 4:14 A.M., a Patrol Officer from the Westside Regional Command Center noticed a black 2001 Toyota Celica with a license plate light that was out. The Officer stopped the vehicle and met with the driver and passenger. The driver, 36-year old Harley Edward Bell, did not give his identification to the Officer. The Officer also noticed a knife on the passenger's lap, and an additional unit arrived to assist. When Bell and the passenger, 33-year old Valerie Hernandez, exited the car, the officers noticed drug paraphernalia where the Hernandez had been sitting and a folded up paper. The investigation revealed Hernandez was in possession of .48 grams of Methamphetamine, and Bell had multiple traffic warrants. Hernandez was charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance Possession Group 1 Under 1 gram, a State Jail Felony, and was released on a \$1,500 PR Bond issued by Magistrate Judge Acosta. Bell was booked on four outstanding municipal traffic warrants.

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