



NEWS Release

City of Rockport • 2751 State Highway 35 Bypass • Rockport, Texas 78382 • (361) 729-2213

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
AUGUST 8, 2019

CONTACT: COMMANDER JERRY LAWING
PHONE: (361) 790-1105

ROCKPORT PD MAKES NARCOTIC AND FIREARM ARRESTS

ROCKPORT, TX – On Thursday August 8, 2019, Rockport Police Officer B. Cantu observed a suspicious vehicle near a residence in the 200 block of N. Verne Street. Officer Cantu began a check of the vehicle and eventually contacted two male subjects later identified as Jeremy McQueen (age 38) and Joseph Bannister (age 44). It was determined the subjects did not have permission to be at the residence and Bannister initially gave Officer Cantu false identifying information.

Bannister was arrested for Failure to Identify as a Fugitive from Justice, and Officer Cantu located an illegal substance on his person while searching him incident to his arrest. Due to the illegal substance being located, Officer Cantu ordered McQueen out of the vehicle in order to conduct a probable cause search of the motor vehicle. McQueen initially refused to exit the vehicle, then resisted being detained and attempted to flee the scene on foot. A short foot pursuit ensued, and Officer Cantu was able to take McQueen into custody with the assistance of Officer C. Garrett.

After both males were in custody, officers searched the vehicle locating methamphetamine, marijuana, synthetic marijuana, a firearm, a large quantity of US currency, and paraphernalia related to the use and distribution of controlled substances. Both males were arrested for Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute. This investigation is ongoing with further charges pending.

