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Man arrested after evading following domestic dispute

Suspect left the scene in a vehicle and later attempted to flee on foot

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An Andrews man was arrested after he attempted to evade officers in a vehicle and on foot following a domestic dispute this week, according to police.

Christopher Orien Martinez was booked into the county jail on Wednesday and is facing charges of assault causing bodily injury family violence, criminal mischief between \$2,500 and \$30,000, evading arrest/detention with a vehicle and evading arrest-detention.

Police were initially dispatched to a domestic dispute call, and when they arrived at the location, officers observed Martinez leaving the scene in a vehicle, according to Andrews Police Chief Ronny McCarver. Officers then attempted to stop

the vehicle, but Martinez allegedly evaded them briefly, the police chief added.

"It was a relatively short pursuit," McCarver noted.

Once police pulled over the suspect vehicle, Martinez exited and attempted to flee on foot, the police chief added.

"The (vehicle) pursuit was maybe a minute and a half long," McCarver said. "He pulled over and then fled on foot. We got him pretty quick."

The criminal mischief charge likely pertained to damage done at the residence, authorities assumed.

In a separate incident, officers were dispatched to an undisclosed location in Andrews in reference to



criminal mischief of a vehicle.

The complainant told officers he and his family had been out of town the past week and when they returned home Jan. 2, he noticed his black Chrysler 300 had been keyed again.

He told police it was the second time the car had been keyed since August, and that the culprit this time keyed over the previous key marks left on the vehicle.

The complainant also told officers people are always walking around the area of his residence. He plans to install cameras around the home to try and catch the suspect, police added.

The complainant took the vehicle to a shop the previous time it was keyed and they told him it would cost around \$4,000 to fix, according to police.

Jail Log (alleged offenses)-

- 12-17 Bryan Eli Castillo, 29, driving while intoxicated, \$5,000 cash;
- 12-17 Marcus Augustin Peralta, 17, possession of marijuana more than two ounces., \$2,500 bond;
- 12-18 Mickey Huertas Jr. 20, speeding, violation promise to appear;
- 12-17 Christopher Conaway, 48, speeding;
- 12-20 Marcus Infante, 27, criminal mischief more than \$2,500;
- 12-19 Charles Miller, 32, aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, \$20,000 bond;
- 12-20 Mathew Wiggins, 34, reckless driving, \$1,500 cash bond;
- 12-22 Everardo Martinez, 35, (Wise Co.) violation probation terroristic threat;
- 12-22 Byron Dwayne Hickey, 21, possession of marijuana less than two ounces, possession of dangerous drug \$7,500, \$2,500 bonds;
- 12-22 Ricardo Herrera, 27, (El Paso Co.) probation violation, driving while intoxicated;
- 12-26 Kameron Gammage, 19, possession of marijuana, driving under influence with minor in possession;
- 12-26 Darin Saave, 17, possession of marijuana, minor in possession;
- 12-26 Tristan Mueller, 17, possession of marijuana, minor in possession;
- 12-26 Seth James Stroud, 17, prohibited weapon knuckles, possession of marijuana, minor in possession;

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ing to authorities.

Officers are seeking 49 subjects on 90-drug-related indictments through the roundup, which was named "Operation Silent Night."

The roundup is the culmination of a two-year undercover investigation involving drug sales, authorities said.

More than 20 arrest warrants were executed the initial week, but more subjects have since been apprehended—including several within the past few days.

Recent arrests have narrowed down the list. Presently, less than 10 subjects are now at large, according to a recent press release from the Andrews Police Department. Five are also in custody elsewhere but haven't been served as of press time, police added.

The following subjects were recently charged through the roundup: (David Van Blarcom (delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone, \$50,000 bond), Aaron Brown (delivery of a controlled substance in a drug free zone, \$75,000 bond), Cassandra Cornejo (delivery of a con-

trolled substance between one and four grams, delivery of a CS less than one gram, \$200,000 bond), John Gay (delivery of a CS less than one gram in a drug free zone, delivery of a CS less than one gram in a drug free zone repeat offender, \$200,000 bond), Randon Hawthorn (delivery of a CS less than one gram, \$50,000 bond), Jose Lujan (delivery of a CS less than one gram, \$25,000 bond), Jennafer Wilson (delivery of a CS less than one gram in a drug free zone, \$50,000 bond), Josue Reyes (delivery of a CS less than one gram, \$25,000 bond) and Usbaldo Nunez (delivery of marijuana less than a quarter ounce in a drug free zone x2, \$55,000 bond).

Others recently served included: Jaden Johnson (delivery of a CS between one and four grams in a drug free zone, delivery of a CS less than one gram in a drug free zone, \$50,000 bond) and Adrian Olivas (delivery of marijuana less than a quarter ounce, \$10,000 bond).

Johnson was already in custody elsewhere when the roundup warrant was

served, police said.

Charges from the extensive roundup related mostly to distribution of methamphetamine, cocaine and marijuana, and ranged from state jail felonies to first degree felonies.

Some charges were enhanced through distribution in drug free zones and due to quantity, according to Andrews Police Chief Ronny McCarver.

Officers also recovered drugs and firearms during the roundup, which will result in additional charges in those instances.

The roundup turned up much more than subjects, narcotics and firearms—two live homemade bombs and a counterfeit money operation were discovered at a residence in southeast Andrews.

The Odessa Police Department Bomb Squad was called in to address the homemade explosive devices initially found by police while searching a home in the 100 block of SE 5th St., according to McCarver.

Bomb Squad members were onsite for more than three hours and eventually "disposed" of the two

devices at a separate location, the police chief said.

A variety of law enforcement agencies assisted with the roundup, including the Midland County Sheriff's Office, Ector County Sheriff's Office, U.S. Marshals Lone Star Fugitive Task Force and Texas Department of Public Safety C.I.D.

It is definitely one of the largest drug warrant roundups for Andrews. The time period involved was a contributing factor to its magnitude.

"A lot of it was that it has been a two-year operation for us," McCarver explained. "Obviously, during the span of two years, the suspect pool grew, which is one reason why it is so significant. Sometimes these things drag out like that and



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this happened to be one of those. It took two years to put together."

Some warrants were for repeat offenders, the police chief added.

A special grand jury

was staged the day before the roundup to obtain sealed indictments. That helped keep the subsequent roundup under wraps for the necessary time period.

Public Notice

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