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MEDIA RELEASE: SUSPECTED BURGLAR ARRESTED

BURGLARY ARREST

Call Date/Time: Sunday December 1, 2019 at 11:41AM

Sunday, December 1, 2019, at approximately 11:41 a.m., Rio Grande City police officers were dispatched to the 100 block North Britten Avenue in reference to theft and burglary of vehicles. When officers arrived, it was determined that a total of 5 vehicles had been burglarized. The five vehicles were not operable; however, they did contain personal items inside. The complainant informed officers that multiple items, such as tools were also missing from the rear of the residence. Investigators searched the property and noticed a trail of items on the ground at the alley way leading north towards Second Street.

The trail of items, led officers to the back of a business in the 100 block of East Second Street known as A&R Computers. Officers noticed a shattered window and marks on the side door indicating that someone attempted to open it. Police contacted and informed the owner of the business. Upon entering the building, officers noticed it had been ransacked and several items had been stolen.

Officers later received information that one of the recently stolen items had been offered for sale. Following that lead, officers arrived at a home in the 200 block of East Fourth Street. Officers found 51-year-old Javier Cruz with several items (power tools, multiple laptops, a digital camera, etc.) that were believed to have been stolen in connection with the recent burglaries.

Cruz was detained for further questioning and later arrested on 5 counts of Burglary of Vehicle, 1 count of Theft of Property and 1 count of Burglary of Building.

The majority of the stolen items have been claimed and returned to their owners.

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