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State Police Capture Texas Pizza Robbery Suspects

Las Cruces: (July 23, 2007) – State Police arrested five teens in connection with the robbery of a Pizza Pros restaurant in Anthony Texas. The robbery occurred late Sunday, July 22, 2007.

The Anthony, Texas Police had contacted the New Mexico State Police to be on the lookout for several "Hispanic males" in a black over brown Ford extended cab pick up that was last seen heading towards New Mexico. The teens were spotted in the getaway vehicle by New Mexico State Police Officers and apprehended early Monday morning at 31 Las Palmeras road in Berino, New Mexico. The five are being held as fugitives from justice, robbery and organized criminal activity. Their extradition to Texas is pending. In addition to the charges in Texas, they are being charged in New Mexico as minors allowing themselves to be served alcohol.

As a result of follow up investigation, police were lead to 19 Las Palmeras road in Berino, New Mexico, the residence of 24 year old Julio Cesar Garcia-Rivas. At the residence police discovered approximately ½ ounce of suspected cocaine, a small scale and a shrine of Juan Malverde who is considered to be the Patron Saint of narcotics traffickers. Garcia-Rivas is being charged with possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance. Also assisting in this investigation was; New Mexico State Police Criminal Investigations Section, New Mexico Motor Transportation Police, the Dona Ana County Sherriff's Department and the Anthony, Texas Police Department.

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