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LPPD K9 traffic stop results in seizure of drugs and weapon in Drug Free Zone

Juan Manuel Limones Jr
07/19/1980

Dustin Clay James
10/13/1982

In the early morning hours of January 10, 2018 a La Porte Police Department (LPPD) K9 Officer conducted a traffic stop in the 4100 block of Farrington Blvd, La Porte Texas. During the traffic stop, the officer developed probable cause for the search of the vehicle. The search resulted in the arrest of the passenger, 37 year old Juan Manuel Limones Jr. of Pasadena Texas for multiple felony offenses. The driver, Dustin James Clay of Cold Springs Texas, was arrested for a traffic offense.

During the probable cause search of the vehicle, the K9 Officer located and seized more than 3.5 ounces of high grade marijuana, five marijuana brownies weighing more than 6 ounces, 2.9 grams of crystal methamphetamine and a shotgun. The officer was able to link the drugs and shotgun to Limones. In addition to the drugs and weapon, the officer located possible stolen checks and a debit card, also linked to Limones.

Following the investigation the officer contacted the Harris County District Attorney's Office who accepted the charges of fraudulent use or Possession of Identifying Information, Unlawful Carrying of a Firearm by Felon, and Possession of a Controlled Substance Penalty Group 1 (Methamphetamine) in a Drug Free Zone on Limones. James was arrested for Driving While his License was Invalid, a Class C Misdemeanor.

Both suspects were transported to the La Porte Jail for processing. Limones was later transferred to the Harris County Jail where he is being held on a "No Bond" for the three felony charges while he awaits his court appearance.

In October of 2016, at the request of LPPD, the La Porte City Council passed an ordinance establishing an abundance of specific "Drug Free Zones" (DFZ) within the geographic boundaries of the City of La Porte. In short, DFZ are established 1000 feet around each Public Park, school, college, and day care center within the city. Signs are posted around these areas advising would be violators they are entering a DFZ. Persons caught in possession of illegal drugs within these areas may have their charges enhanced by one category. For example, a person found in possession of Marijuana in or around a city park would not be charged with a Class B Misdemeanor, but rather a Class A misdemeanor. Possession of 1 gram of methamphetamine, could be upgraded from a Third Degree Felony, to a Second Degree Felony. The DFZ were



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established in the interest of public safety by increasing penalties on those who chose to deal or use drugs in areas where our children attend schools and play. The attached map shows where the DFZ are located within the city limits.

In addition to the DFZ the La Porte Police Department's K9 Units are dedicated to proactively seeking out, and responding to any and all suspected narcotic related activity in the city. With each transaction spoiled, the unit communicates a clear message to those involved in the possession of illegal narcotics, that activity of this nature is not tolerated in the City of La Porte especially around our parks and schools. If you have any information on suspected narcotic or other illegal activity occurring within the City of La Porte, please contact the La Porte Police Department's Criminal Investigative Division at 281-842-3173 or go to www.laportetx.gov and click on the Criminal Investigative Division link.