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25H08783- Haltom City Police Apprehend Wanted Felon Following Pursuit, Barricaded Standoff, and K9 Deployment

HALTOM CITY, TX (March 17, 2025) Just after noon today, Monday, March 17, 2025, Haltom City Police Department officers on patrol identified a vehicle believed to be stolen. Their attempt to conduct a traffic stop was met with the driver fleeing, initiating a brief vehicle pursuit that extended into Fort Worth. The pursuit concluded in the 1000 block of Haltom Road, where the driver left the vehicle and sought refuge in an abandoned residence. Through rapid collaboration with the surrounding agencies, officers identified the individual as John Garcia, discovering he was the subject of active felony warrants and on parole due to previous convictions involving weapon and drug related charges.

Haltom City officers diligently attempted to establish communication with Mr. Garcia, utilizing both English and Spanish in their efforts to encourage a peaceful surrender. When these attempts proved unsuccessful, authorities deployed a drone into the residence. The aerial observation revealed Mr. Garcia actively boarding windows from the inside, indicating his intent to prolong the standoff.

In response to Mr. Garcia's refusal to cooperate and his efforts to barricade himself, law enforcement made the decision to introduce tear gas into the residence. Despite this measure, Mr. Garcia remained non-compliant and after exiting the residence, attempted to flee. At this point, a trained Police K9 was deployed and successfully apprehended Mr. Garcia.

Mr. Garcia was taken into custody and subsequently transported to a local hospital for treatment of minor, non-life-threatening injuries sustained during the apprehension. He is currently being held on the following active felony warrants:

- Violation of Parole
- Tamper with Electronic Monitoring Device

The Haltom City Police Department anticipates that additional charges related to the stolen vehicle, the pursuit, and the events at the residence may be filed.

The department extends its sincere appreciation to the North Richland Hills Police Department, the Richland Hills Police Department, and the Fort Worth Real Time Crime Center for their invaluable support and cooperation throughout this incident.

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