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Two Charged in Movie Piracy

Santa Fe – When an officer makes a traffic stop for some kind of infraction or checking on a stranded motorist assist, the officer always needs to be on top of his game. Not only for officer safety, but for criminal activity that may be lingering directly in front of them. December 31st is a perfect example of what happens beyond the stop, when an officer was patrolling just south of Santa Fe in the afternoon hour he stopped to check on a motorist who was traveling on the inside shoulder of the median with a flat tire. While speaking with the driver, the officer observed a large box sitting in the back seat of the Mazda pick-up.

Through the officer's observations, the movies were new releases in the theaters, and with his knowledge of State Statute, Albuquerque residents 26 y.o. Ruben Flores-Gardea and 17 y.o. Jonathan Martinez-Orta were arrested. The vehicle was inventoried and confiscated were 25 new releases, 184 Pirated movies, and \$600 in cash which was the morning's felony profits. The titles included: Avatar, Old Dogs, The Princess and the Frog, Planet 51, Jennifer's Body, Twilight New Moon, Alvin and the Chipmunks, 2012, Law Abiding Citizen, Invictus, The Blind Side, The Box, Ice Age Dawn of the Dinosaurs, Obsessed, Precious, Astroboy, Potros, Ninja Assassin, Open Season 2, The Step Father, and several Spanish DVD's A Toda Ley, Lamberto Quintero, Simon Blanco, Valentine de la Sierra, Triste Recuerdo, and, Emilaino Zapata.

Ruben Flores-Gardea was booked in the Sandoval County detention center, while his 17 y.o. co-conspirator was released to a family member. Both are facing multiple felony charges of Movie Piracy, (Unauthorized Recording Prohibited).

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