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News Release

Lea County- On Thursday, January 15, 2015 the Lea County Sheriff Office was notified by XL Energy of an alarm at a remote location within Lea County, New Mexico. The site is located in the area of US 62/180 near Mile Marker 78. Through the assistance of XL Energy the Lea County Sheriff Office was able to track a vehicle into Eddy County. Deputies conducted a traffic stop on the vehicle on NM Hwy 128 and as a result of the stop and the investigation it resulted in the arrest of two subjects, both of Hobbs, New Mexico.

John Valdez was charged with Larceny (Over \$2,500.00) a 4th degree felony and Conspiracy to commit larceny (Over \$2,500.00) a 4th degree felony. Bond was set at \$50,000.00.

Jennifer Alltop was charged with Larceny (Over \$2,500.00) a 4th degree felony and Conspiracy to commit larceny (Over \$2,500.00) a 4th degree felony. Bond was set at \$5,000.00.

Both were booked into the Lea County Detention Facility in Lovington, New Mexico.

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