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# News Release

## Lea County-

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, around hours 7:50 pm, the Lea County Sheriff's Office responded to the area of NM 132 (North Dal Paso) near Rancho Road regarding suspicious activity. Upon arrival in the area, we located a white 1999, Chevy truck with a chrome roll bar, travel from the area and conducted a traffic stop. The driver of the vehicle James Davidson, W/M DOB 03/18/1974 took off running while the passenger Geraldo Vasquez S/M DOB 08/31/1986 had initially remained in the vehicle but after he was contacted, he ran from the area as well. Both subjects were apprehended a short time later.

As a result of the call and the stop of the vehicle, both subjects were arrested for the Resisting and Evading an Officer and Davidson was also charged with Driving on a revoked license. A search warrant will be completed for the items located in the vehicle to determine the owners of the property. Some of the property observed in plain sight was a bow and arrow case, a gun case and a large duffle bag among others items. It is believed these suspects may be involved in thefts around the area of Rancho Road and North Dal Paso in the vehicle listed above.

Over the past few weeks, there have been numerous Burglaries and thefts occurring on the north side of Hobbs and we are asking the community to continue to contact us about anyone suspicious in the area. We have set up special patrols in the past to stop and deter these thefts and we encourage everyone to be on the lookout to help us stop these crimes.

If anyone has any information which could assist with this investigation, please contact Sgt. Jeff Gray with Lea County Sheriff's Office at (575) 396-3611.

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