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Chief Deputy takes down Deadly Conduct Suspect in Coldspring

On Wednesday afternoon, May 11, 2016, at around 12pm, the San Jacinto County Dispatcher received a 911 call from a frantic motorist traveling on FM2025. The motorist advised that a male in a black truck with a lot of “stuff” in the back had just cut him off and pulled a pistol on him. The motorist advised that the truck fled North on FM2025 towards Coldspring and was traveling at a dangerous rate of speed near 100MPH.

The dispatcher broadcast this information right away, keeping the motorist on the phone line. San Jacinto County Sheriff's Chief Deputy Joe Schulte was close in the area and set up at FM2025 and SH 150. Almost immediately, the suspect truck slid up to that intersection almost running the stop sign and turned east onto SH150, accelerating to a high rate of speed. Chief Schulte fell in behind the suspect and turned on his emergency lights and siren. The suspect slid to a stop on the highway shoulder in front of the liquor store in Coldspring and immediately began movement towards the center interior of the truck. Traffic was delayed slightly as Chief Schulte ordered the suspect out of the vehicle. The suspect was taken into custody without further incident. There was a witness in the suspect vehicle who advised the suspect had placed his pistol in the center console. The Chief recovered and secured the weapon.

The suspect, Rodney Harrison BM 41 from Baytown, was arrested and charged with Deadly Conduct, a Class A Misdemeanor, and placed into the San Jacinto County Jail and held on a \$2500 Bond. It was learned that Harrison is a Prison Guard at the Federal Prison in Beaumont Texas. The Chief contacted his supervisor and advised him of the situation. Prison officials will be conducting their own internal investigation into this incident. Other than being shaken up, the elderly couple, who were the victim of this incident, were not injured.



Rodney Harrison
