

## Woodlake Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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The primary purpose of the newsletter is to convey information designed to assist us to reduce or prevent crime in our community.

The information presented is available through various public access sources, personal interview, or observation. Your comments as to how we can improve this effort are welcome.

**1. Bell County Sheriff Tip Line: Wanted as of May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014** - [http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/departments/cscd\(adult\\_probation\)/most\\_wanted.php](http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/departments/cscd(adult_probation)/most_wanted.php), and/or; <http://bellcountycrimestoppers.com>;

Aaron Carney, 20, is a 5'10", 183 lbs, W/M, with HZL Eyes and BLK Hair, from Nolanville, and 21 y/o Emanueel Williams is 5'10", 185 lbs, B/M, with BRO Eyes and BLK Hair from Killeen are both wanted for Burglary of a Habitation.

Also from Killeen is Anthony Gentle, 35, is a 6' 6", 195 lbs, B/M, with BRO Eyes and BLK Hair who is wanted for Aggravated Robbery.

From Belton are: Mathew Drake, 27, is 6'0", 180 lbs, W/M, with BLU eyes and BRO hair is wanted for Assault with a Vehicle, and 35 y/o Jamie Aguilar, is a 5'6" 145 lbs, W/M, with BRO Eyes and BLK Hair is wanted for Aggravated Assault.

Lastly, wanted for Indecency with a Child is Arellan Maltos a 5'4", 175 lbs, 46 y/o, W/M, with GRN Eyes and BLK Hair from Temple.

Please review the attached flyer; if you have any information regarding those individuals; Call the Bell County Sheriff's Office at 254-933-5400, your local law enforcement, or CRIMESTOPPERS AT 1-800-729-TIPS (Local 526-TIPS) There is now an "on-line" crime reporting system for your convenience at: [http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/citizen\\_online\\_reporting\\_system/index.php](http://71.6.170.26/revize/bellcounty/citizen_online_reporting_system/index.php)

**From Austin** — Juan Carlos Marizcal has a lengthy criminal history, with at least 16 arrests, ranging from Robbery and various other felonies including suspect of a December 2010, murder in Laredo, Texas.

On November 22, 2011, the Webb County Sheriff's Office issued warrants for Marizcal's arrest for Homicide and Engaging in Organized Criminal Activity. On December 9, 2011, the US Marshals issued warrants for his arrest for Flight to Avoid Prosecution on various charges.



**RACE:** W, **SEX:** M, **DOB:** 8/18/78  
**HT:** 5'8" **WT:** 200 lbs. **AKA:** Carlos Mariscal, Eric Molina, Joan Carlos Mariscal, Carlos Juan Marizcal, **SMT:** Tattoos on neck, chest, right arm, "joker" on outer right calf, and upper left arm

Scars on face, forehead, and upper left arm, birthmark on abdomen. **GANG(S):** Texas Mexican Mafia. **CCH:** Murder, Robbery, Engage in Organized Crime, Assault Causes Bodily Injury, Terroristic Threat, Arson, Burglary of Building, Theft of Property, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Controlled Substance, Resist/Evade Arrest, Unlawful Carrying Weapon, and DWI. **LKA:** 4622 Acerra Lane, Laredo, TX.

Marizcal should be considered Armed and Dangerous, is an escape risk and is known to abuse heroin.

Contact: **Texas Crime Stoppers** Text "DPS plus your tip" to 274637 (CRIMES) or call 1-800-252-TIPS (8477) - 24 hours a day.

**2. Crime Update: (McLennan County, April 17, 2014)** - Waco PD SWAT team members and McLennan County deputies, along with Mart police, served a drug search warrant at a Waco home early Monday of April 14<sup>th</sup>.

In Temple, a Quention Lavelle Jeffries, 34, was arrested and charged with possession with intent to distribute crack cocaine. TPD seized \$10,000 worth of cocaine during an investigation into cocaine being distributed to the Temple and Killeen area.

A Copperas Cove woman is facing marijuana charges following an investigation into an amount of marijuana packaged for sale.

Officers responded to a bogus 911 call to a home in the 1100 block of Travis Cir., April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Officers stated detecting the strong smell of marijuana coming from the house.

The woman admitted smoking weed, handed over the baggies of marijuana and consented to a search of the house.

Officers found more weed that was packaged for sale, empty bags, guns and a digital scale.

**3. Is a Rise In Use of Illegal Drugs Cause the Increase in Drug Trafficking or Vice-Verse?** - Public safety officials believe more than 100,000 people are members of gangs that are a threat to public safety in Texas.

Authorities say the gangs posing the greatest threat are Tango Blast, Texas Syndicate, Texas Mexican Mafia and Barrio Azteca.

Many Texas gangs continue to work with Mexican cartels to smuggle drugs, weapons, people and cash across the border.

Currently, six of the eight most dangerous cartels have command and control networks working in the state.

The majority of smuggling routes come through the Central Texas area on interstate highways, bringing drugs and people into the country, and transporting cash, weapon and stolen cars back to Mexico.

The most brash means is the use trains to transport multi-ton quantities from Mexico to their intended drug markets.

However, Interstate 35 is a popular route that traffickers commonly use to transport marijuana from South Texas to other drug markets in tractor-trailers, passenger and commercial vehicles, and buses.

As an example: during a traffic stop on I-35 near Jarrell last month, deputies arrested two men, Alfredo Presciado-Salas and his brother, Aurtro Preciado, for transporting 300 pounds of marijuana.

During initial contact, the deputies could smell the distinct odor of marijuana coming from the van driven by Presciado-Salas.

The suspects denied having any drugs, but deputies were granted permission to search the vehicle where they found several blocks of marijuana hidden in the racks of the van.

A more thorough search produced 52 bricks of marijuana totaling 314.6 pounds and an estimated street value of \$142,000.

Also last month, during an investigation, and in cooperation with the US Marshall Task Force to locate a wanted suspect, the Waco Traffic Unit discovered illegal substances in a vehicle during a traffic stop on North 25th Street.

The substance the officers saw in the vehicle was discovered to be methamphetamine. Two suspects, Orlando Vences, 29, and Isreal Cruz, 19, were subsequently charged on 3 counts of Possession of Controlled Substance: 3 ounces of meth, 33 morphine pills, and 30 Zanex Pills.

In Texas there are three major types of drug crimes: Possession, Distribution and/or Cultivation.

Possession of illegal substances is one of the more common charges for drug crimes, and can also be added to a charge of distribution.

Distribution involves the transportation or trafficking of illegal drugs, and/or selling drugs and can carry extremely severe penalties.

Cultivation of illegal drugs involves the growing, chemical mixing, or otherwise creating illegal substances found in any of the five drug groups, or marijuana.

The most commonly abused illegal drug in Texas is marijuana. Domestically produced marijuana is available but most illicit drugs, especially marijuana, come from Mexico.

Texas is one of the major points of entry by the drug cartels that supply drugs, illegal substances and marijuana into the U.S.

The flow of Mexican commercial-grade marijuana into and through the South Texas HIDTA region is high and increasing.

According to National Seizure System (NSS) data, in 2010 the amount of marijuana seized has been accompanied by an increasing

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number of seized shipments of 1,000 kilograms or more indicating a high level of marijuana availability and a greater amount of the drug transiting the area.

Other seizures result from agents tracking footprints heading north from the Rio Grande and discovering backpack-configured duffle bags of marijuana left in remote areas near the river for eventual pickup by other transporters on the U.S. side of the border.

Most marijuana shipments into the South Texas HIDTA region are intended for distribution in drug markets outside the region; most likely some of it finding its way to Bell County.

Texas law enforcement seriously regulates and prosecutes anyone who is caught smuggling or trafficking marijuana and other substances across the border; therefore, an arrest for drug trafficking can result in extremely harsh penalties.

A person commits the offense of marijuana trafficking in Texas when they knowingly or intentionally deliver marijuana to another person or destination.

Trafficking usually involves delivering marijuana across state or country lines. Trafficking also usually involves a large quantity of marijuana, cannabis, weed, pot or the more potent, higher quality - chronic.

Depending on the amount, a marijuana trafficking offense can result in a state jail felony; a sentence of 180 days and/or a fine of up to \$2,000 if the amount of marijuana is five pounds or less but more than ¼ of an ounce and as much as 20 years and/or a fine of up to \$10,000 if the amount is between 5 and 50 pounds.

Conviction of a drug sale crime can also involve a variety of added counts such as the sale of drugs within 1,000 feet of a school or selling marijuana to a person under the age of 18, or to an individual enrolled in a primary or secondary school. Each are a felony of the second degree and is punishable by a prison sentence of two to 20 years and/or a fine up to \$10,000.

The penalties for conviction of possession of illegal drugs not only depends on the amount found on the defendant's person at the time of

arrest but the also the grouping under which the illegal substance falls.

For example, a conviction of possession of less than one gram of a Group 1 substance carries 180 days to 2 years jail time and/or a fine of up to \$10,000. A conviction on a possession charge of 400 g or more of a Group 1 substance carries 10 to 99 years in prison and a fine of no more than \$100,000.

Additional penalties for conviction of a drug crime may include a six-month driver's license suspension, and a criminal record. Having a criminal record can be cause for denying housing, employment, a bank loan, and other benefits that require a background check due to a criminal conviction.

Powder form of cocaine is easily obtainable and commonly abused in Texas. However, crack cocaine is available only in urban areas of the state.

Mexican heroin is available in Texas and Mexican black tar is the popular variety. South American, Southeast Asian, and Southwest Asian heroin are also available in Texas to lesser extents.

Pure and affordable methamphetamine from Mexico is also commonly available and abused.

Middle-class, suburban youth are the main sellers of club drugs - MDMA (Ecstasy or Molly) are popular illicit drugs, easily available and frequently abused at raves, nightclubs, and on college campuses.

Problems with dextromethorphan from cough syrup, (DXM) abuse have also been reported in Texas schools.

Diverted pharmaceuticals include hydrocodone, hydromorphone, alprazolam, and cough syrups with codeine are widely abused throughout the state. Doctor shopping, pharmacy diversion and improper prescription practices by physicians are the main sources of these drugs. Among those, the use of Oxycodone has been growing steadily.

Witnessing an ever-increasing threat throughout the state, what is Bell County's stand in the war against illicit drug trafficking?

The most recent data would indicate that the number of drug related arrests (all categories) between 2012 and 2013 have declined from .18/100k to .17/100k (at a presumed 3.5 - 4.0%

population growth rate).

Notwithstanding an overall decline by 40% of drug-related arrests in Bell County as a whole, a comparative study over the past 6 months and previous 6 months seem to indicate that there were increases of reported drug related arrests of 5% in Killeen, 15% in Harker Heights and 28% in Nolanville.

Despite this somewhat encouraging news, and though the unincorporated parts of Bell County have little to no street gangs, the Texas DPS has reported a high concentration of gang activity and a marked increase in the illicit drug trade that plagues Williamson, Bell and McClellan counties.

In our efforts to further combat illicit drug distribution, the Bell County Special Crimes Unit will also make gang activity a part of its focus. The sheriff's office has added a K-9 unit - a bomb-sniffing dog and companion deputy, which will be a part of the unit.

Deputies will investigate drug cartel activity on the highways and gang activity in the county jail with a renewed emphasis on fugitive apprehension and polygraph testing as well. (Source: [georgetownlaw.net/CriminalDefense/MarijuanaOffenses/MarijuanaTrafficking.aspx](http://georgetownlaw.net/CriminalDefense/MarijuanaOffenses/MarijuanaTrafficking.aspx) & [http://www.justice.gov/archive/ndic/dmas/South\\_Texas\\_DMA-2011\(I\).pdf](http://www.justice.gov/archive/ndic/dmas/South_Texas_DMA-2011(I).pdf) & [http://kdhnews.com/news/crime/bell-county-creating-unit-to-battle-sex-drug-crimes/article\\_aa2f307e-7d7a-11e2-a205-0019bb30f31a.html](http://kdhnews.com/news/crime/bell-county-creating-unit-to-battle-sex-drug-crimes/article_aa2f307e-7d7a-11e2-a205-0019bb30f31a.html))

**4. Counterfeiting: Can You Spot the "Bogus Buck"? -** Waco PD arrested 2 people accused of buying items off of Craigslist using counterfeit money.

There were 3 suspects arrested in January related to this case; the 5 arrested were involved in a scheme to use fake money to buy items from Craigslist. There are at least 24 individual cases connected to the five arrested.

A multitude of high-end electronics and computers bought with counterfeit \$100 bills.

A lot of work goes into creating bills that are hard to counterfeit. Nonetheless, some are so easy to fake, a teenager with the right equipment can do it.

Whether you are a normal person taking your change at a store, or you are a merchant accepting cash in your business, you need to be aware of the counterfeiting problem. The WPOA NW Coordinator.