



Bexar County Sheriff's Office

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SUBJECT: EX-GIRLFRIEND AND CHILDREN KIDNAPPED

On September 22, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Sheriff's deputies were dispatched to the 15300 blk of Cartwright Trail for an Aggravated Kidnapping. Upon arriving at residence, deputies were contacted by the kidnapped victim's father. The father stated that their 17 year old daughter/victim and her two children (ages 3 weeks and 14 months) are missing.

The victim's father stated that when he arrived at his daughter's home to check on her, he found no one home and believed that his daughter's ex-boyfriend took them due to previous threats. The father stated that his daughter has Assault Bodily Injury-Family charges filed against her ex-boyfriend Vernardo Morales (DOB: 10-20-87) along with a Protective Order.

The father stated that due to Vernardo Morales violent history with their daughter, they came up with a code word for her safety. Investigators were able to contact her on her cell phone and upon giving the password; the victim responded in code that she was in danger.

The Bexar County Sheriff's Criminal Investigation Division contacted Vernardo Morales who admitted to taking the victim and his two children. Sheriff's Investigators talked him into releasing the victims. The victim and one child later arrived at her home and she was found to have visible multiple injuries. After speaking with the victim, Investigators were able to locate Vernardo Morales at 1431 Cable Ranch Rd. Apt. #10 and took him into custody without incident.

Vernardo Morales was transported to the Magistrates Office and booked on two counts of Aggravated Kidnapping and two counts of Violation of Protective Order.

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