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#### **Arrests Following Pursuit**

New Braunfels, Texas — On today's date (10-21-19), at approximately 2:30pm, an officer with the New Braunfels Police Department initiated a traffic stop on a blue Chevy passenger car that was speeding on southbound I-35 near FM 306. The driver of the vehicle ignored the officer's lights and sirens and increased their speed while attempting to evade the officer by swerving in and out of traffic.

The vehicle then exited I-35 southbound at Seguin Avenue, used the turnaround to continue northbound on the frontage road, then used the turnaround at Hwy 46 South and re-entered the highway headed southbound, again at a high rate of speed. The vehicle then exited the highway just south of Walnut Avenue and continued on the frontage road before crashing into a Ford F150 at Rueckle Road.

The driver then exited the vehicle and fled on foot in the direction of the Pilot gas station. Officers gave chase and were able to place the suspect in custody a short time later without further incident. The passenger of the vehicle also attempted to flee on foot but was quickly detained by responding officers.

New Braunfels Fire and EMS were called to the scene and they treated the driver of the pickup truck for minor non-life threatening injuries and he was not transported from the scene.

The suspect driver, a 21-year old male from Mexia, TX, also suffered minor non-life threatening injuries in the crash and was transported to Christus New Braunfels Hospital for treatment. Once medically cleared from the hospital he will be taken to the Comal County Jail and charged with Evading Arrest with a Vehicle, Unlawfully Carrying a Handgun, and Manufacture or Delivery of a Controlled Substance. The second suspect, a 20-year old male from Lewisville, TX, was found to be wanted out of Collin County. He will also face local charges including Evading Arrest on Foot and Unlawfully Carrying a Weapon. Additional charges against both suspects could still be pending.

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