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## **Two Men Charged In Kidnapping Case**

TAYLOR, Texas – A pair of brothers have been charged following an investigation into the kidnapping of one of their ex-girlfriends. On January 12th, 2021, Daniel Joseph Herrera, 33 years, of Thrall, was arrested by the Williamson County Sheriff's Office after Taylor Officers obtained a probable cause warrant for his arrest, initially charging him with Continuous Assault/Family Violence, a third-degree felony.

Taylor Officers obtained the initial arrest warrant for Daniel Joseph Herrera after an investigation revealed that on 1/2/2021, Herrera physically assaulted the victim at the Taylor Village Inn (1907 North Main Street). Herrera then drove away from the hotel with his ex-girlfriend in the vehicle. Later investigation revealed that Herrera took the victim against her will, forcing her into his vehicle by dragging her by her hair and placing her in the passenger seat before driving away. These events were captured on security camera footage which was made available to Taylor Detectives.

Later that night/early morning the victim escaped from a Herrera's residence in rural Thrall and returned to Taylor. On 1/5/2021, Herrera located the victim at the Citgo gas station (600 North Main Street). Shortly after, Daniel Herrera physically assaulted her again, dragging her by her hair and forcing her into a vehicle against her will. Daniel Herrera's brother, Manuel Herrera Jr., 45 years, of Taylor was driving the vehicle when the three subjects left the gas station and transported her to the same Herrera residence in rural Thrall.

Taylor Detectives were able to discover a potential location outside the city in rural Thrall which Herrera was believed to have taken the victim. Williamson County Sheriff's Department Deputies arrived at the location on 1/12/2021, and executed the Taylor Arrest Warrant, placing Daniel Herrera under arrest. The victim, found with Herrera, was taken to the Taylor Police Department, and later to a hospital for treatment for injuries.

On 1/13/2021, after consultation with the Williamson County District Attorney's Office, Taylor Detectives obtained probable cause for three arrest warrants, charging Daniel Herrera with two counts of Aggravated Kidnapping, a first-degree felony. Manuel Herrera has also been charged with Aggravated Kidnapping to the offense), a first-degree felony.

Anyone having any additional information, or anyone knowing the whereabouts of Manuel Herrera, Jr. is asked to contact Sgt. Sam Brister at the Taylor Police Department (512) 352-5551.

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