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### **35 Year Prison Sentence for Aggravated Assault January 21, 2020**

Bryan, TX – Jacinto Perez, 27, was sentenced to 35 years in prison today after pleading guilty in the 85th District Court to the felony crimes of Aggravated Assault and Evading Arrest With a Vehicle.

On January 10, 2019, Bryan Police responded to the Wal-Mart on Harvey Mitchell Parkway after employees observed Perez attempting to commit Theft. Perez fled the store and drove away in a pickup truck as officers arrived at the store. Bryan officers attempted to pull Perez over, but Perez refused to stop. Bryan police then ended the pursuit due to concerns about safety.

Minutes later, a DPS Trooper saw Perez’s truck in a rural area on OSR. The trooper tried to stop Perez, who again fled. During the ensuing car chase, Perez struck the door of a parked semi-truck, nearly hitting the truck’s occupant. Perez continued to flee and was able to elude the trooper. An hour later in Burleson County, concerned citizens helped DPS troopers locate Perez, who was still driving the pickup. Again, officers attempted to stop Perez, and again, Perez evaded.

Troopers continued to pursue Perez on Highway 60 towards College Station. Near Easterwood Airport, Perez drove into oncoming lanes of traffic, nearly hitting several cars head-on. Perez exited the highway at Turkey Creek and struck a car driven by a couple from Bryan. The couple suffered minor injuries in the crash. Perez sustained significant injuries and was transported to the hospital after officers took him into custody.

In addition to the felony offense of Evading Arrest With a Vehicle, prosecutors also charged Perez with Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, because of the injuries he caused to the victims during the crash. At the time of the offense, Perez was on parole from a five-year sentence he received in 2016 for Evading Arrest With a Vehicle. Additionally, Perez had been to prison in 2010 for Burglary of a Habitation. Perez’s criminal history also includes convictions for Assault—Family Violence, Possession of a Controlled Substance, and Endangering a Child.

The case was investigated by the Brazos County Sheriff’s Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Jennifer Hebert and Ryan Calvert.

**“Mr. Perez endangered the lives of dozens of people, rather than risk being held accountable for his actions. It was a miracle that the victims in this case survived without catastrophic injury. Perez’s actions, as well as his history, show that he cannot be trusted with the safety of the community.” -- Ryan Calvert & Jennifer Hebert Assistant District Attorneys**

