



## **PRESS RELEASE**

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# **TRAFFIC STOP LEADS TO 18 IN CUSTODY; CHILDREN PROTECTED**

PUTNAM COUNTY, TN—On Friday, November 14, 2025, at approximately 10:58 am, PCSO Deputies conducted a traffic stop that led to the arrest of 16 individuals, and 2 juveniles that were put into DCS custody.

The traffic stop took place on Hwy 111 Southbound at Spring Creek Rd on a White Ford Econoline Van pulling an enclosed trailer emitting a strong odor of marijuana. When PCSO Deputies made contact with the driver, identified as **Ruben Dario Escobar**, he said there were only 6 passengers in the van and they were all traveling from Michigan to Georgia for work. **Escobar** also admitted there was marijuana inside the vehicle, which led to a probable cause search.

A search of the vehicle led to the discovery of approximately 4.2 pounds of Marijuana, and Deputies also seized approximately \$8,350 cash.

When Deputies initially opened the side-loading door of the van, they discovered there were 18 total passengers occupying a 15-passenger van, two of which were toddlers. The two toddlers were not secured in car seats, and the mother said they had not had much food during their drive. The conditions of the inside of the van were also not suitable for children, along with them having access to marijuana.

The following individuals were charged with Felony Possession of Schedule VI, due to them admitting the Marijuana was theirs, and Child Endangerment:

- **Ruben Dario Escobar**
- **Isreal Morales-Lopez**
- **Cajuste Rosenel**

These 3 individuals have a bond of \$30,000 each and a court date of November 19, 2025.

The other 13 arrested individuals were charged with Child Endangerment:

- **Van Rotschild**
- **Fernando Sanchez-Gomez**
- **Miguel Jacinto-Maldonado**
- **Rose Jeanty**
- **Ferly Nestor**
- **Hector Hernandez-Serrano**
- **Jesus Lopez-Nolasco**

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- **Daniel Renex**
- **Noel Adner**
- **Samuel Lopez-Jimenez**
- **Cidonne Jacquesimon**
- **Julienne Recia**
- **Loyda Aguilar-Perez**

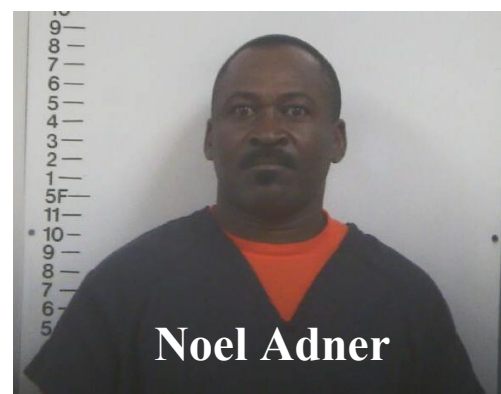
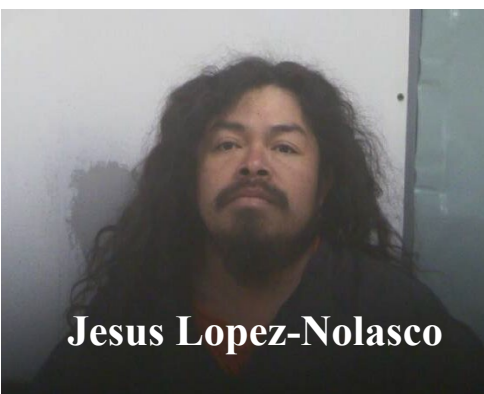
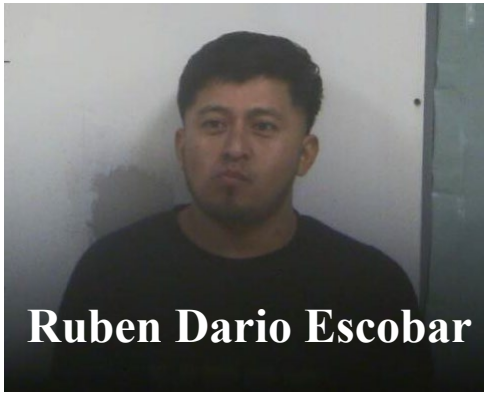
These 13 individuals have a bond set at \$20,000 and a court date of November 19, 2025.

Out of the 16 individuals arrested, 15 of them were found to be illegal aliens and will be placed in ICE's custody after they complete their court proceedings.



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