

LAS VEGAS METROPOLITAN POLICE DEPARTMENT
ARREST REPORT

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City County Adult Juvenile Sector/Beat B2

ID/EVENT# 1897057	ARRESTEE'S NAME (Last, First, Middle) <i>(Lopez)</i> Gomez, Nancy		S.S.# [REDACTED]	
ARRESTEE'S ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code) [REDACTED]				
CHARGES: Child Endangerment (7 counts), DUI-Alcohol, Suspended License, Open container, Headlamps hour of operation, Child Restraint Device (7 counts)				
OCURRED:	DATE 11/01/09	DAY OF WEEK Sunday	TIME 1909hrs	LOCATION OF ARREST (Number, Street, City, State, Zip Code) Bruce Street & Owens Las Vegas, NV 89101
RACE H	SEX F	D.O.B. 01/17/81	HT 5'2"	WT 150
HAIR Black		EYES Brown	PLACE OF BIRTH Sun Valley, CA	

CIRCUMSTANCES OF ARREST

Officers involved: L. Reyes P#13129/3A13, Z. Baughman P#12958/3B30, P. Quinteros P#9055/3A, J. Brokaw P#13120/3C, Det. Heidi Campbell of Abuse Neglect detail, CPS Investigator Eieshia Smith

Medical personnel involved: FD rescue engine 8 & AMR

Victims: [REDACTED] 11/05/04, [REDACTED] DOB 12/20/05, [REDACTED] DOB 02/01/01, [REDACTED] DOB 02/11/00, [REDACTED] DOB 05/23/07, [REDACTED] DOB 08/27/08, [REDACTED] DOB 08/27/08

Person Reporting: [REDACTED]

Additional suspects: Antonlo Sanchez & Vanessa Ramirez Suspect vehicle: Blue PT Cruiser NV [REDACTED]

Body of report:

On 11/01/09 at approx. 1832 hrs I, officer L. Reyes P#13129 operating as marked patrol unit 3A13, was dispatched to event 091101-2843 referencing a group of Hispanic males in a fist fight armed with bottles in the area of Rancho High School. At 1837 hrs I arrived on the southwest corner of Bruce & Owens facing eastbound when I was flagged down by a citizen, our person reporting [REDACTED], standing in the middle of the intersection outside of his vehicle. He stated to me, "the blue car stop them! Two children just fell out of the car and rolled into the intersection. They do not have any child seats!" I looked south onto Bruce St. from Owens and observed a blue PT cruiser sedan stopped in the middle of the number one lane on Bruce with no headlamps turned on or brake lights visible from the rear. Let it be noted that it was dark outside and I no longer had daylight visibility.

As I turned the corner to initiate a vehicle stop on the said vehicle, I observed the vehicle begin to drive southbound on Bruce St. When the vehicle was back in motion, I observed the drivers side passenger door open. The said vehicle attempted to make a right turn into the number two lane. When the driver attempted to make this turn, with the drivers side passenger door was still ajar, I saw something fall out of the car and roll across the street. The blue sedan then made an immediate stop. When the object that fell out of the said vehicle came to a stop, I noticed that it was a child that was approximately 1-3 years old that had fallen out of the vehicle and rolled across the street. As I turned on my lights and sirens, a unknown race male exited the same door the child had fallen out of. The male, later identified as Antonio Sanchez, ran over to the child, picked the child up and entered back into the vehicle. The blue sedan attempted to drive off as my lights and sirens were activated. I initiated voice commands over the P.A. system of my patrol car to stop the car and pullover to the right.

When I made contact with the occupants in the vehicle, I observed two male adults sitting in the back seat. In the back seat with two male adults, there were seven children that appeared to be under the age of six and under the weight of 60 pounds not restrained with seatbelts or a child restraint device. The seven children were sitting on the laps of the two male passengers. When I shined my flashlight into the said vehicle to check on the child that had fallen out, I noticed that there

ARRESTING OFFICER(S)	P#	APPROVED BY	CONNECTING RPTS. (Type or Event Number)
L. Reyes	13129	Lt. Opdendyk on 11/03/09	091101-2843
P. Quinteros	9055		

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were two children with injuries to their face. One child, who was verbally identified as [REDACTED] DOB 11/05/04 and at the time of typing this report remains in stable condition at UMC pediatric center, I observed an approximate 2-3 inch in length cut above his left eyebrow with blood running down his face. Matthew appeared to be very scared and was crying and screaming in pain. The second child, who was verbally identified as [REDACTED] DOB 08/27/08 and at the time of typing this report remains in critical condition at UMC pediatric center, I observed cuts and scrapes to her face and blood running from her nose and mouth. She was also crying and screaming in pain. After rescue engine 8 arrived, they attended to the two children with injuries. I then heard another child crying in the car. A third child, who was verbally identified as [REDACTED] DOB 08/27/08 and at the time of typing this report remains in critical condition at UMC pediatric center, I observed his face which was covered in blood from what appeared to be a nosed injury. The three injured children of the seven were transported to UMC pediatric center by rescue engine 8. Matthew [REDACTED] is the son of arrestee Nancy Lopez. Nancy also had three other children inside the said vehicle. They are: [REDACTED], [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. They did not suffer any injuries. However, they were transported by AMR to UMC for an evaluation. Arrestee, Vanessa Ramirez, is the mother of [REDACTED]. Vanessa also had one other child in the said vehicle that was not injured. Her name is, [REDACTED] DOB 05/23/07.

When I made contact with one of the two rear male passengers he did not want to give me his name. He appeared to be intoxicated from alcohol as I could smell the odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath and his eyes were bloodshot and watery. This unknown race male was uncooperative and did not show any remorse for the injured children. I had him exit the vehicle and stand in front of my patrol car. He kept saying, "F--- you bro! I know my rights. I am fighting with my brother. Those kids were playing in the car and bumped their head on the window. This is bullshit!" When I had the said subject exit the vehicle, a bottle of corona alcoholic beverage fell out from the exact location he had been sitting with the other children on his lap. The Corona alcoholic beverage was open and its contents were partially removed. The unknown race male was identified as Antonio Sanchez DOB 07/31/90 through Metro's records database, with descriptors from tattoos. A records check revealed Antonio has seven outstanding warrants out of the county of Clark. I asked Antonio, "how do you know everyone that is in the car?" He replied, "they're just my friends. We came from a birthday party together." It was later concluded that Antonio was not related to any of the children that were involved in the incident.

As I made contact with the driver of the blue PT cruiser bearing Nevada plate [REDACTED] WDT, I could smell the odor of what appeared to be an alcoholic beverage on the driver's breath. I asked her, "How many beers have you had tonight?" She replied, "I will admit to about 3 and half maybe 4." I had her exit the vehicle. When she exited her vehicle, she used her right arm to hold herself up from falling over as she walked over to the curb that I instructed her to sit down on. Her gait was unsteady. The unknown race female identified herself as Nancy Lopez DOB 01/17/81 with a Nevada drivers license, which a DMV records check revealed that her license was suspended. Officer J. Brokaw P#13120 administered standardized field sobriety tests on Nancy. Nancy refused to complete these tests. Officer K. Doty P#13358 administered a horizontal gaze nystagmus (HGN) on Nancy. Nancy failed this test. When I asked Nancy, "what happened tonight with your kids?" She replied, "I have no idea. We were driving around. The door opened up and they fell out. I am going to jail aren't I?" I informed her that the children who were injured are in critical condition. She replied, "oh."

AMR transported the remaining four children who were not injured to UMC pediatric center. Officer P. Quinteros P#9055 followed AMR to UMC. A Hispanic female, who identified herself as Vanessa Ramirez DOB 12/01/89 with a Nevada ID card, walked up to me and said she was the mother of three of the children inside the said vehicle. I asked her, "how do you know the driver?" She stated, "we were leaving from a get together and my kids did not have a ride home. My friend Nancy was driving them home for me." She asked, "How are my kids? What happened? My kids names are Viviana, [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]." I informed her that Viviana was ok and that Anastasia and Antonio are in critical condition due to them falling out of the vehicle. I asked Vanessa, "what was the condition of Nancy when you allowed her to take your kids home ten minutes ago?" She stated, "Nancy was fine. Just tired from work." Vanessa was transported to UMC to be with her kids. CPS investigator Eieshia Smith met with Vanessa upon her arrival at UMC. In the interview with Eieshia and Vanessa, Vanessa stated verbatim, "I knew Nancy was drunk and had been drinking a lot at the birthday party they were at." Vanessa claimed that two guys were fighting at the party and did not want her children hurt; she put them in Nancy's car who, Vanessa said was intoxicated from drinking at the party. Officer P. Quinteros was present during this interview and heard Vanessa during this investigation. Based on what officer Quinteros heard, Vanessa admitting that she allowed her kids to drive with a drunk driver, thus placing her kids as well as Nancy's kids in a situation where the children may suffer physical pain or mental suffering as a result of Nancy's intoxicated condition, he placed her under arrest for child endangerment and transported her to CCDC.

Based on the above facts, Nancy & Antonio being the driver and occupant of the said vehicle and both being intoxicated from alcoholic beverages and having seven kids, not restrained with a child seat or seatbelts and placing these seven kids in a situation where the children may suffer physical pain or mental suffering as a result of their actions, I arrested Nancy

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& Antonio for child endangerment (7 counts each). Nancy was also arrested for DUI-alcohol due to her failing the HGN test and refusing all other sobriety tests.

Based on officers P. Quinteros hearing the admission from Vanessa that she placed her kids in Nancy's vehicle, and also admitting that Nancy was intoxicated from drinking alcoholic beverages, including her knowledge of the vehicle not being properly equipped to restrain children to their seat or having enough seatbelts, Vanessa was arrested for child endangerment (7 counts). Vanessa also had the knowledge of Nancy kids being occupants in the vehicle since, she placed her kids in the car after Nancy's kids were already in the car. At that point in time, Vanessa already had knowledge that Nancy had been drinking at the party and was in fact intoxicated. Vanessa made no attempt to stop Nancy from driving due to her intoxicated state.

Inside a diaper bag that was recovered from the vehicle Nancy was driving, was an unopened cold to the touch bottle of Corona beer. Also, when completing an inventory search of the said vehicle, an open 12 ounce glass bottle of Corona fell out of the car and shattered on the pavement. I took pictures of these items and downloaded them into DIMS.

I observed one child fall out from the car while in motion. ~~Juan Del Prado~~ observed the other two children fall out from the vehicle while in the intersection of Bruce and Owens. Voluntary statements were completed by both Juan Del Prado and CPS investigator. I spoke to Det. Heidi Campbell with the abuse and neglect detail. She informed me per NRS 200.508 since, Antonio was a passenger in the vehicle and Nancy being DUI and Antonio having knowledge of her condition and continuing to allow her to drive while impaired; Antonio can also be charged for child endangerment. One count for each child. She also added since Vanessa also had knowledge of Nancy's condition and placing her own kids in the vehicle along with Nancy's kids, Vanessa could also be charged with child endangerment. One count per child. The other male adult in the car was the grandfather of the kids. All adult parties and friends of the family that were at the scene, informed me that he suffers from alzheimer's. He did not have any alcoholic beverages to drink at the party. Due to his mental state of being, he was not charged.