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Sheriff's Office Investigators Arrest Two Suspects for Diesel Fuel Theft

(FORT BEND COUNTY, TEXAS) – Fort Bend County Sheriff's deputies and investigators arrested Alfred Chapur Dominguez, 26, and Karel Cardenas Caballero, 28, for stealing diesel fuel from local gas stations in the county.

Beginning in January and through February 2024, the Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office ensued an investigation into diesel fuel thefts occurring at gas stations in the Richmond and Sugar Land areas. During their investigation, investigators discovered that in the month of January, a total of 639 gallons of diesel fuel were stolen from a gas station located in the 10100 block of S Hwy 6 in Sugar Land, Fort Bend County, Texas. Additionally, in the month of February, a total of 690 gallons were stolen from a gas station located in the 6400 block of S Peek Road in Richmond, Fort Bend County, Texas. Reportedly, the suspects were utilizing a minivan equipped with battery operated pumps to siphon fuel into tanks concealed inside the van.

The Fort Bend County Sheriff's Office Burglary and Theft Investigators followed leads identifying the suspects who were subsequently caught during a theft of diesel fuel at a gas station located in the 6600 block of Grand Mission Blvd., in Richmond, Fort Bend County, Texas.

The suspects were arrested and booked into the Fort Bend County Jail and charged with Violation of Motor Fuel Tax Requirement, a second-degree felony. Dominguez was also charged with Unlawful Use of Criminal Instrument, a third-degree felony.

"We will not tolerate crime of any kind in Fort Bend County," says Sheriff Eric Fagan. "Specifically addressing the theft of diesel fuel, beyond the immediate impact on businesses and residents, it contributes to environmental harm through spills and leaks. Ensuring the well-being of our community and the safety of our environment is of vital importance."



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