



Harris County Constable Pct. 4  
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On 01/11/2012 the Harris County Pct. 4 Constable **Emissions Task Force** conducted an undercover operation at a Chevron gas station located at 11200 blk. of Bissonet St. The Task Force was investigating a suspect who was allegedly selling counterfeit state motor vehicle inspection certificates throughout Harris County. He sold several of these counterfeit motor vehicle inspection certificates to a known individual at this location. Additional counterfeit inspection certificates were subsequently found inside the suspect's vehicle. Further investigation revealed that the suspect has been selling counterfeit vehicle inspection certificates for several years. These certificates were being sold for \$50.00 (each) and he was allegedly selling 4 to 5 of these illegal certificates each week.

These types of crimes circumvent rules and laws designed to protect the health and safety of the public. Bypassing required safety inspections often contributes to poor air quality and allows dangerous vehicles to travel on our roadways. The New **Emissions Task Force** was created as a result of grant funding made available to Harris County from the Texas Commission on Environmental quality **Local Initiative Project**.

The defendant Edgar Mauricio Barrillas, D.O.B- 4/3/1980 was arrested and charged with 2 counts of Tampering with a Government Record each carry a \$5000.00 bond (2<sup>nd</sup> degree Felony) and was placed into the Harris County jail.

For additional information please contact Sgt Eddie Hazel @ 281-401-6249

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