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parking annex 51 Tuesday afternoon. The rear of the lot is designated for

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# MEETING

Rudder Tower 607

## TONIGHT.

### 7:00 pm

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**Texas A&M Sports Car Club**

## Bus driver hits brakes, safely stops hijacking

United Press International  
**SIERRA BLANCA** — A Greyhound bus driver suddenly braked the vehicle Tuesday to throw a knife-wielding hijacker off balance and end a 400-mile ride of terror through the Desert Southwest, authorities said.

U. S. Border Patrol agents and Hudspeth County deputy sheriffs arrested Johnny Vernon Spence Jr., 31, of Dallas a short time later as he headed across the west Texas desert, apparently headed for the Rio Grande and Mexico, authorities said.

Spence was arraigned in El Paso on federal charges of kidnapping and interstate transportation of a stolen vehicle.

Witnesses among the 25 adults and three children who

were passengers on the commandeered bus said driver Ramon Quiroz, 43, of Tucson, Ariz., brought the vehicle to a sudden stop about 15 miles west of Sierra Blanca, a town of 600 about 100 miles east of El Paso. The hijacker tumbled off the bus and ran into the desert, they said.

Passengers said Spence threatened to kill the driver and others throughout the ride. They said he prodded the driver with two 5-inch knives to keep him speeding along at 90 mph.

None of the passengers was seriously injured, though three required medical treatment, investigators said.

Passengers said Spence boarded the bus in Tucson shortly before midnight Mon-

day. An argument over the lights on and off provoked him, officials said.

Quiroz and his passengers counted the wild ride along interstate highways through the zone and southern New Mexico.

"I kept calm because I knew that lives were at stake," he said.

"We were going 90 mph zooming through Las Cruces and El Paso," said Mrs. W. Hurlong, 68, of Ocean Springs, Miss. "Where were the hijacker's eyes? They were all asleep a.m."

Hurlong said Spence decided to be taken to Dallas. Agents said there was no ransom demand.

"When the driver turned the lights Spence started talking about killing people," Hurlong said.

Passenger Victor Sosa, 48, said Spence had two knives with blades about 6 inches long and poked the driver's feet to make him drive faster.

Maria R. Miranda, 55, of Monte, Calif., said an unidentified passenger sitting in a seat kept trying to control Spence to "put the hijacker down."

"Other passengers said they wanted to subdue the hijacker but he kept trying threatening the bus driver," Miranda said.

Angie Carrillo, 22, of Sierra Blanca, Ariz., said the hijacker was weird, as if on drugs or something.

Hurlong said the hijacker "got crazier after we got through El Paso and kept grabbing the steering wheel until the bus was off the road."

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