Crime jumps 8 percent across Texas

AUSTIN -While crime jumped 8 percent throughout Texas for the first half of 1985, the Dallas-Fort Worth area recorded particularly larger increases, the Department of

Public Safety reported Tuesday.
According to DPS statistics, Houston posted a 1.1 percent decrease in all crime for the six months, while Lubbock led the list of cities with decreased crime with a 7.2 percent de-

crease.
Col. Jim Adams, DPS director, crimes — murder, said that major crimes — murder, rape, aggravated assault and robwere up 10 percent

All of the four major crime categories showed increases. Aggravated assault was up 9.6 percent, murder increased 8.7 percent, robbery jumped 3.1 percent and rape was up 13.8 percent, Adams said.

"Compared to the first six month of 1984, the crime rate for the first half of 1985 was up eight percent to 3,111.7 crimes per 100,000 population," Adams reported.

Leading the cities with increased crime reports was Arlington with 42.2 percent, followed by Garland with 33 percent and Irving with 32.5 percent. Dallas had a 15.5 percent increase and Fort Worth was up 12.8 percent, according to reports from police departments.

Border check leads to capture, \$5 million cocaine bust charge

DEL RIO, Texas -A bond hearing is scheduled Thursday for a 39year-old Electra man charged with smuggling more than \$5 million of cocaine across the U.S.-Mexico border in a butane tanker in the bed of a

Charles Garrett was arrested by U.S. Customs agents at the Del Rio port of entry at 5:15 a.m. Sunday after he had entered the country from Ciudad Acuna, Mexico, said port director Jack Alsup.

Garrett was stopped for a routine

border check that "revealed that things weren't normal," Alsup said.

Alsup said that when agents inspected the tanker in the bed of the pickup Garrett was driving, they discovered 85 pounds of cocaine hidden inside.

'This tanker had been altered. An access hole had been cut in it through the bottom through which the cocaine was loaded," Alsup said. "It was a very professional job. The resealing job was done very well."
Art Rodriguez, an agent with the

U.S. Drug Enforcement Administra-

cocaine was estimated to be worth more than \$5 million and possibly as much as \$10 million, making the bust the largest in this border area.

Garrett was charged Tuesday af-ternoon with importing a controlled substance and with possession of cocaine with intent to distribute.

U.S. Magistrate Durwood Edwards appointed Del Rio attorney Victor Roberto Garcia to represent him and set Thursday's bond hearing. The judge also ordered a pre-liminary hearing be held Sept. 10.

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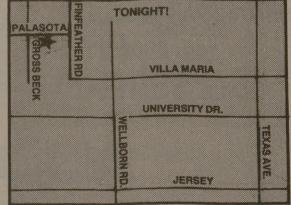
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