INS Arrests Texan in Fairfax City

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A Texas man was <u>arrested</u> in <u>Fairfax</u> <u>City</u> yesterday and charged by federal authorities with transporting illegal immigrants.

The man was identified by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service as Juan Echavarria, of Houston. He was driving a van near Route 123 and Lee Highway when he was stopped by <u>Fairfax City</u> police at 1:55 a.m. The van had 15 passengers from Mexico, Guatemala and El Salvador. Some were destined for Northern Virginia and Maryland, an INS official said.

Echavarria is a legal permanent U.S. resident who works for a transportation company in Houston. The case was turned over to the U.S. attorney's office in Alexandria for prosecution.

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