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### NEWS RELEASE

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### MISSING WOMAN FOUND IN CALIFORNIA

Date/Time: 12/01/2007  
Location: 625 S. Park  
Found: Bertha Castro-Pichardo, 59 years of age, 625 S. Park

EL PASO, TEXAS – A woman that had been missing for more than a week has been found in Los Angeles, California. On Monday December 3, 2007, family members last spoke to 59-year old Bertha Castro-Pichardo. She was last seen on the weekend of December 1, 2007 when she moved into a new apartment at 625 S. Park. Investigators had received information that she was possibly in California. L.A.P.D. Officers located her at a rescue mission and was in good health. It was determined through the investigation that Castro-Pichardo left voluntarily and for reasons only know to her did not notify any family. The El Paso Police Department appreciated the assistance of the news media in this case.

#### BACKGROUND:

Family members had been attempting to make contact with her and it was not until Friday December 7, 2007 that it was discovered that she was missing. Family members discovered that nothing had been unpacked and that her dog had been left unattended with out any food or water. According to the family, this is not at all like Castro-Pichardo which made her disappearance suspicious.

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