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OFF DUTY OFFICER HELPS NAB TWO TEENS PLACING GRAFFITI AT AN EASTSIDE CHURCH

Date/Time: 01-06-2008 @ 8:45p.m.
Location: 11700 Pebble Hills (St. Marks Catholic Church)
Arrested: Martin Alberto Reyes, 17 years of age, 3000 block of Royal Crest
Detained: Hispanic male, 16 years of age, East El Paso Resident

EL PASO, TEXAS – An off-duty El Paso Police Officer helps nab two teens defacing an east El Paso Church. At approximately 8:45p.m., on Sunday January 6, an off-duty Officer assigned to the Pebble Hills Regional Command Center observed 17-year old Martin Alberto Reyes and a 16-year old juvenile placing graffiti at the St. Marks Catholic Church. The officer immediately notified police communications to have a patrol unit go to the area and assist. As the off-duty officer continued to watch the pair, a police sergeant arrived to the scene. As the sergeant began to approach the pair, they began to run from the police sergeant toward the desert area next to the church. The police sergeant along with assisting units detained the pair and placed them into custody. Reyes was found to be in possession of a butterfly knife, which is a prohibited weapon. Reyes was charged with Prohibited Weapons(Class A Misdemeanor), Resisting Arrest(Class A Misdemeanor), Graffiti Under \$500(Class B Misdemeanor) and Graffiti at a Place of Worship(State Jail Felony). The juvenile was charged with Graffiti at a Place of Worship.

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