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### NEWS RELEASE

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### **POLICE CHARGE LOWER VALLEY MAN WITH FALSE ALARM OR REPORT**

Date/Time: 01/19/08 @ 9:06 am  
Location: 8900 Leopoldo @ Harding  
Arrested: 54 year old Antonio Ramirez Jr. of the 100 block of Aranda

EL PASO, TEXAS – Officers of the El Paso Police Department's Mission Valley Regional Command Center responded to a man stuck in a storm drain early Saturday morning. Officers arrived at the scene and were advised by Antonio Ramirez that he needed help in getting out of a storm drain at Leopoldo and Harding. As a result of Ramirez' cry for help the Police Department and Fire Departments rescue efforts were started. Officers entered the storm drains to assist Ramirez when he moved further along the drains and away for his rescuers. Ramirez exited the storm drain on his own and walked to a Lower Valley Fire Station where he was met by Police. It was determined through the investigation that Ramirez communicated a false need for help and knew that emergency response would ensue from his claim. Ramirez was placed under arrest and booked into the El Paso County Jail on the charge of False alarm or report which is a Class A misdemeanor.

