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NEWS RELEASE

Vehicle Burglary Ring Identified Multiple Cases Cleared

Date: May 14, 2019

Offender: 29 –year old Nicholas Santibanez

El Paso, Tx- Westside TAC officers have identified an auto burglary ring and made an arrest in a spree of burglary cases. Several reports of vehicle burglaries at various locations throughout the Westside were reported in late April through early May. Entry into the vehicles was made through **unlocked**-doors and valuables such as cell phones, laptops, credit cards and personal identifications were stolen from inside the unsecured vehicles. Further investigation resulted in TAC officers executing a search warrant at the residence of Nicholas Santibanez at 350 N. Festival. A search of the residence led to the discovery of a trove of property identified as stolen, taken from several vehicle burglaries.

29 –year old Nicholas Santibanez has been charged with seven counts of credit/debit card abuse, four counts of burglary of vehicle and one count of Theft over \$2,500. Santibanez was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility under bonds totaling \$71,000. Additional charges against Santibanez are being filed and additional arrests for others involved are pending.

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