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**NEWS
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Two Arrested after Unattended Vehicle Left Running was Stolen

Date: 12/31/2020

Time: 11:05 AM

Location: 1500 block of De Gaulle Pl., Horizon City

Arrested: 32 –year old Luis Eddie Riley of the 3200 block of Rose Ave.

Arrested: 32 –year old Jose Salas of Sunland Park, NM

EL PASO, Texas — Investigators with the El Paso Police Department’s Auto Theft Task Force arrested two individuals after a stolen car was tracked to the 1500 block of De Gaulle Pl. in Horizon City. The vehicle, stolen earlier that morning from the 9300 block of Viscount Blvd., had been left running and unattended by the owner. Officers spotted the stolen vehicle parked on De Gaulle and attempted to approach. The vehicle accelerated, causing one police car to swerve, then collided into a second unmarked police vehicle. The driver, 32 –year old Luis Eddie Riley, and passenger, 32 –year old Jose Salas abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot. Officers gave chase and apprehended both subjects following a short foot pursuit. Riley was charged with Unauthorized Use of a Motor Vehicle, Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, Resisting Arrest and Evading Arrest; as well as 4 outstanding criminal warrants. He was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility on bonds totaling \$207,000. Salas was charged with Evading Arrest and booked on a \$5,000 bond. Moderate damage was sustained to the police vehicle, however, no officers were injured in the incident.



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