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Man Arrested for Practicing Veterinarian Medicine without a License

Location: 8614 Holmsley Trail

Arrested: 51 –year old Rafael Padilla Marquez of the 2000 block of Sun Tide Dr.

EL PASO, Texas — Detectives with the Animal Cruelty Investigations Unit arrested 51 – year old Rafael Padilla Marquez subsequent to an investigation into allegations Marquez was practicing veterinarian medicine without a license. Investigators were alerted after a 3 –year old German Shepherd died of renal failure following a series of 8 injections administered by Marquez in November of 2020. In the course of the investigation, detectives learned a second canine, a female poodle, had also received multiple injections from Marquez. Detectives determined Marquez did not have a license to practice veterinarian medicine. Marquez was taken into custody on 02/12/2021 and booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility on 2 counts of Non-License Vet and 1 count of Cruelty/Torture to Non-Livestock Animal. His bonds totaled \$15,000. Detectives ask anyone who sought veterinarian care from Marquez to contact the ACIU Hotline at 915-212-0800.



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