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## Update: Shooting on Nina Pearl Drive

Arrested: 25 –year old Oscar Contreras of the 12300 block of Tierra Apache Rd.

The El Paso Police Department’s Gang Unit has charged a second man in connection with a June 3<sup>rd</sup> shooting. Gang investigators, along with members of the US Marshals Lone Star Fugitive Task Force, arrested 25 –year old Oscar Contreras yesterday. He was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility on a \$1,000,000 bond.

### History:

Date: 06/03/2021

Time: 11:45 PM

Location: 12409 Nina Pearl Dr.

Arrested: 17 –year old Jonathan Meraz of the 3200 block of Merry Meadow

Victim: 17 –year old Joey Joel Gonzalez

EL PASO, Texas — Shortly before midnight on June 3<sup>rd</sup>, officers with the Pebble Hills Regional Command Center were dispatched to 12409 Nina Pearl Dr. on a shooting. Officers found 17 –year old Joey Joel Gonzalez with a non-life-threatening gunshot wound. Gonzalez was transported to Del Sol Hospital for treatment where a second gunshot wound was located. Gonzalez initially told officers he did not wish to press charges. The El Paso Police Department’s Gang Unit began to investigate the incident and identified 17 –year old Jonathan Meraz as a suspect. On June 5<sup>th</sup>, gang investigators attempted to execute a warrant for Meraz at his residence on the 3200 block of Merry Meadow. Meraz barricaded himself inside the home and the Special Weapons and Tactics Team was requested. Meraz eventually surrendered and was taken into custody without incident. He was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility the following day on one count of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon. His bond totaled \$75,000. The investigation continues at this time.



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