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Tip & Investigative Work Leads to Arrest of Burglars

Date/Time: 06/23/2021 @ 6:18 A.M.

Location: 2100 block of Octubre

Arrested 1: Joel Saenz, 18 years of age, 2600 block of Fir (El Paso, TX)

Arrested 2: Thomas Ethan Zane Black, 18 years of age, 800 block of Bob Niel(San Elizario, TX)

EL PASO, Texas — Investigative work and a Crime Stoppers Tip leads to the arrest of two car burglars. On the morning of Wednesday, June 23, 2021, 18-year old Joel Saenz and 18-year old Thomas Black burglarized vehicles in the 2100 block of Octubre. At approximately 6:18 A.M., a homeowner noticed Black looking into his vehicles. The homeowner confronted Black, and Black displayed an El Paso County Sheriff's Badge and stated he was a deputy conducting an investigation and fled the area. Investigators from the Pebble Hills Tac unit identified Saenz based on evidence processed by the El Paso Police Department's Criminalistics Unit. On the night of Wednesday, July 14, at 11:23 P.M., investigators located Saenz at his home in the 2600 block of Fir. Saenz resisted arrest by pulling away from the officers and trying to prevent the officers from handcuffing him. Saenz was in possession of 0.18 ounces of Marijuana and booked on the following charges: Burglary of Vehicle(Class A Misdemeanor), Resisting Arrest Search or Transport(Class A Misdemeanor), and Possession of Marijuana Under 2 Ounces(Class B Misdemeanor). A tip through Crime Stoppers of El Paso identified Black as the individual impersonating a Sheriff's Deputy. On Tuesday, July 20, Officers conducted a traffic stop on Joe Battle, and Black was taken into custody. Black was charged with Burglary of Vehicle(Class A Misdemeanor) and Impersonating a Public Servant (3rd Degree Felony). Black was issued PR Bonds for both offenses by Judge Humberto Acosta.

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