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**NEWS
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Family Violence Call Leads to Human Smuggling, Drugs and Weapons Charges

Date: 07/25/2021

Time: 1:19 PM

Location: 5172 Chromite St. #18

Arrested: 30 –year old Juan Alfredo Arellano Jr. of the 5100 block of Chromite St.

Victim: 30 –year old Jessica Esmeralda Uriostegui

Victim: 30 –year old Jenny Elizabeth Calle Palomeque

EL PASO, Texas — An investigation into allegations of domestic violence leads to the arrest of 30 –year old Juan Alfredo Arellano Jr. on multiple charges, including human smuggling, drugs and weapons charges. Just after 1 PM yesterday, officers with the Westside Regional Command Center responded to 5172 Chromite #18 on a family violence call. The officers found 30 –year old Jessica Esmeralda Uriostegui had been assaulted by Arellano the previous day. Further investigation led to the discovery of 30 – year old Mexican National, Jenny Elizabeth Calle Palomeque, who was being held in the apartment as part of a human smuggling operation. Palomeque reportedly paid “coyotes” \$12,000 to smuggle her into the US and take her to North Carolina. Palomeque was ultimately turned over to US Customs and Border Protection Agents. Cocaine, marijuana and a stolen handgun were also located in the apartment. Arellano was taken into custody and charged with Smuggling of Persons, Assault Family Violence, Unlawful Possession of Firearm, Manufacture or Delivery of Controlled Substance, Delivery of Marijuana and Parole Violation. He was booked into the El Paso County Jail on bonds totaling \$150,000 issued by Jail Magistrate Acosta.



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