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Two Juveniles were Taken into Custody During Shooting Call

Date/Time: 01/14/2023 @2329 hrs.
Location: 800 block of Nita Fay
In Custody: Male and Female Juveniles

El Paso, Texas –The El Paso Police Department is aware of a video on social media depicting an incident that occurred Saturday night. It is currently under review, but it should be noted that the video only shows a small part of the scenario.

Officers responded to a shooting call at 11:29 PM at the 800 block of Nita Fay and were informed by communications of an anonymous caller reporting a stabbing. There was a loud commotion in the background, and gunshots were heard. Arriving on the scene, officers discovered males and females running from the area and leaving in vehicles.

The arriving officers searched for victims and potential threats. One officer found eight juveniles hiding by a house, so they were detained to collect information regarding any victims or suspects. The officer instructed the youths to sit on a curb but uncooperatively wanted to use their phones, which could have caused complications with the investigation due to unknown factors. After being asked more than once not to use their phones and to sit on a curb, the officer decided to take the female juvenile into custody for interfering with the investigation as it needed to continue swiftly with the victims and suspects still unidentified. Additionally, another male juvenile threatened to engage and interfere with the arrest, which is not shown in the video.

Again, these types of calls can be highly volatile and time-sensitive; a matter of seconds could mean the difference between a victim's death, a suspect fleeing, or the potential for more victims. However, it is essential to note that this particular incident was not about arresting a female juvenile -- it was a critical situation with the possibility of becoming much worse.

The Police Department wants to emphasize that the events in the video began with a choice. The juvenile had the option to comply with a reasonable request, sit on a curb, and put down her phone. However, as demonstrated by her hiding next to a house in fear, she must have understood the gravity of this situation.

The Police Department is investigating an aggravated assault with a deadly weapon where an 18-year-old was shot and is now in the hospital. Additionally, a male and female Juvenile were taken into custody, both charged with Resisting Arrest and Interfering with Public Duties. The male juvenile was additionally charged with possession of narcotics and curfew violation. Both Juveniles were referred to JPD.

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