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# Arrest Following a Disturbance at Champagne Villain Bar

**Arrested: 22-year-old, ANDRES GABRIEL LODOZA, El Paso Resident**  
**Charge: Traffic Warrants for failure to maintain financial responsibility and speeding**

**El Paso, Texas**—On Saturday, August 12, 2023, at approximately 2:07 AM, the El Paso Police Department received crucial information from agents from FBI El Paso's Violent Crime and Gang Task Force participating in The Gang Suppression and Violent Crime Task Force operation. The officers were alerted of a man carrying a rifle approaching a large crowd at the Champagne Villain Bar in the Cincinnati Bar District.

Upon receiving this information, officers from the El Paso Police Department, FBI Agents, and Army Special Agents immediately responded. The subject, identified as Andres Lodoza, was observed parking his vehicle on Cincinnati Ave. Officers witnessed Lodoza load the rifle and begin to approach the crowded area outside the bar.

Officers swiftly instructed Lodoza to drop the weapon, recognizing the potential threat to public safety. Lodoza complied with the officers' orders and was promptly detained.

Following the arrest, officers learned that Lodoza had been involved in an altercation inside the Champagne Villain Bar. Lodoza alleged that an unidentified male had threatened him, claiming gang affiliations and intentions to cause harm. In response, Lodoza retrieved his rifle, citing his military background, intending to intimidate the unidentified male.

FBI Agents also provided vital information, having witnessed Lodoza causing a disturbance at the bar and subsequently obtaining the rifle from a vehicle. The agents followed Lodoza, and they observed him retrieve the rifle and walk toward the bar.

Upon witnessing these actions, agents promptly requested police assistance and continued to monitor Lodoza until his arrest. Lodoza was taken before Judge Priddy, who found no probable cause for Terroristic Threat (Texas Penal Code Section 22.07(a) (1),(2),(5) Lodoza was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility on outstanding traffic warrants.

The El Paso Police Department remains steadfast in its commitment to the safety and well-being of our community. We continue to act promptly and decisively in response to any threats to public safety. We appreciate the cooperation and support of the community and our law enforcement partners in these efforts.

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