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## Officer Involved Shooting

**Date/Time:** 09/11/2023 / 4:48 PM

**Location:** 2600 Block of Schooner

**Victim:** 52-year-old female, El Paso TX Resident

**Offender:** 49-year-old male, El Paso TX Resident (**DECEASED**)

**Offense:** Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon

**El Paso, Texas** – The El Paso Police Department is investigating an officer involved shooting incident that occurred on September 11th, 2023. Officers were dispatched to a residence in response to a call reporting an individual armed with a weapon. Upon arrival at the scene, officers heard a distressed female voice from inside the residence pleading for help. Despite attempts to communicate with the male subject, he refused to comply and made threats towards the victim's life. In order to safeguard the victim, Officer Valdez, a 5-year-veteran of the El Paso Police Department, discharged his duty weapon, striking the 49-year-old male suspect.

Immediate medical attention was provided to the subject by the responding officers until paramedics arrived. The subject was transported to the hospital and was later pronounced dead at the hospital. The female victim sustained minor injuries and was also transported to the hospital for treatment.

Following standard procedure in such cases, Crimes Against Persons Detectives, The Texas Rangers, and Investigators from the Internal Affairs Division have launched an investigation into the officer-involved shooting. The El Paso Police Department remains fully committed to transparency, ensuring a thorough and impartial investigation. Further updates will be provided as additional information becomes available.

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