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Men Arrested in Officer-Involved Shooting

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Date: 02/20/2024 **Time:** 03:45 am **Location:** 7200 block of Royal Arms

Arrested #1: 24-year-old Efrain Rivera III, General Delivery, El Paso, TX Charge #1: Aggravated Assault Against Public Servant Judge: Aun Bond: \$75,000

Charge #2: Aggravated Assault Against Public Servant Judge: Aun Bond: \$75,000

Charge #3: Criminal Mischief over \$2,500 under \$30,000 Judge: Aun Bond: \$15,000

Charge #4: Criminal Trespass / Habitation Judge: Aun Bond: \$5,000

Arrested #2: 22-year-old Dominick Giangrossi, resident of West El Paso, TX Charge #1: Criminal Mischief over \$2,500 under \$30,000 Judge: Aun Bond: \$15,000

Charge #2: Resisting Arrest, Search or Transport Judge: Aun Bond: \$2,500

Charge #3: Criminal Trespass / Habitation Judge: Aun Bond: \$2,500

Officer #1: 4-year Veteran assigned to Westside Regional Command Center **Officer #2:** 1-year Veteran assigned to Westside Regional Command Center

El Paso, Texas— On February 20 at approximately 3 am, Westside Regional Command Center officers were called to the 7200 block of Royal Arms for a criminal trespass in progress.

Upon arrival, officers encountered two individuals who had entered a vacant apartment. As officers approached, they heard loud noises from inside the residence. Both officers positioned themselves at the back of the residence, observing the subjects heading toward the backyard. The four-year veteran officer drew his service weapon while the second officer deployed a lesslethal weapon. Both offenders were instructed to surrender, but one of them, identified as Rivera, refused and proceeded to throw a large rock at the



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officers, prompting the officer to discharge his service weapon. Rivera fled the scene but was pursued by the four-year veteran, who discharged his gun again in response to the perceived threat to his safety. The officer deployed his taser, but Rivera continued to evade. Rivera was apprehended and taken into custody. Rivera sustained a gunshot wound and was transported to a local hospital, where he remained in critical but stable condition.

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Giangrossi was apprehended by the one-year veteran officer inside the vacant residence after resisting arrest. He was later booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility.

On February 26, 2024, Offender Rivera was taken into custody after being discharged from the hospital. He was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility with the above-listed charges. This case continues to be investigated concurrently by the Crimes Against Persons Unit, El Paso Police Internal Affairs, and the Texas Rangers from the Department of Public Safety.

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