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Man Falsely Reports Truck Stolen, Faces Charges

Date: 6/20/2025

Location: 3200 block of N. Mesa

Arrested: 28-year-old Manuel Melendez, resident of Horizon City, TX

Charge: False Report to Peace Officer

Bond: \$5,000

Judge: Joseph

EL PASO, Texas— On June 14, investigators with the El Paso Police Department Auto Theft Task Force responded to a reported vehicle theft. Officers spoke with Manuel Melendez, who claimed his Ford F-150 Roush had been stolen while he was attending the Coldplay concert.

During the investigation, investigators determined that Melendez had knowingly filed a false police report in an attempt to avoid making vehicle payments. He was arrested and booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility.

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