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12/23/2025

## Arrest Made for Criminal Solicitation of a Minor

**Date/Time:** 12/13/2025 – 3:09 PM

**Location:** 10700 Block of Gateway South

**Offender:** Steven Kelly Auston, 49-year-old

**Offense:** Criminal Solicitation of a Minor/Indecency with a Child/Exposes

**Bond:** \$50,000      **Judge:** Duke

**El Paso, Texas** – Officers responded to the 10700 Block of Gateway South to a reported indecency in progress involving a minor. Further investigation revealed a 13-year-old female reported that an adult male had approached her outside of a grocery store and made inappropriate propositions in exchange for money.

The child stated that the individual engaged her in conversation, made inappropriate comments, and attempted to persuade her to go with him. The child reported that she repeatedly declined, became fearful, and left the area to seek safety inside the store. Steven Kelley Auston was placed under arrested and booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility with a bond of \$50,000.

Anyone with information related to this incident is urged to contact the El Paso Police Department non-emergency number at 915-832-4000 or Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 915-566-8477 to remain anonymous.

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