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**June 13, 2018**

**NEWS RELEASE**

## **UPDATE: Westside Tactical File Additional Burglary Charges**

Date & Time: Monday, May 14, 2018 – Wednesday, June 6, 2018  
Address: 800 blk Live Oak, 700 blk Rinconada Lane, 5700 blk Santis, 5600 blk Navarie Place, 6800 blk Orizaba, 7700 blk Maple Landing Ct, 700 blk Green Cove, 800 Dulcinea Ct  
Arrested 1: 24 –year old Francisco Gustavo VILLESCAS of Sunland Park, NM  
Arrested 2: 19 – year old Cristal PENA of Canutillo, TX

EL PASO, TEXAS: The El Paso Police Department’s Westside Tactical unit has charged VILLESCAS and PENA with additional burglaries. PENA was charged with eight (8) more counts of Burglary of Habitation, one (1) count of Resisting Arrest, and one (1) count Evading Arrest and Detention. Her bonds totaled \$431,000.00. VILLESCAS was additionally charged two (2) more Burglary of Habitations and an additional Evading Arrest/Detention. With all VILLESCAS’ charges, his bonds total \$395,000.00. Westside Tactical is still asking residents that have been the victim of a Residential Burglary where access was gained through an open garage to please contact them at 915.212.0370 for property identification. This investigation continues.

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### **HISTORY – JUNE 11, 2018**

The El Paso Police Department’s Westside Tactical unit has arrested and charged 24-year old Francisco VILLESCAS and 19-year old Cristal PENA in a recent rash of Westside Burglaries. During the investigation of a Burglary in the 800 blk of Live Oak, Westside patrol officers and Westside Tactical identified VILLESCAS and PENA as the individuals responsible. They were later located by Westside Tactical units and further investigation revealed that VILLESCAS & PENA had been entering Westside residences and taking a variety of property, ranging from vehicles, cell phones, electronics, jewelry, work equipment and weapons. VILLESCAS was charged with seven (7) counts of Burglary of Habitation, one count of Evading Arrest, and one count of Unlawful Possession of Firearm by Felon. His bonds totaled \$310,000.00. PENA was charged with one count of Burglary of Habitation and one count of Theft and her bonds totaled \$21,000.00. Additional charges are pending against VILLESCAS and PENA. VILLESCAS and PENA entered homes during nighttime hours, on several occasions while residents slept, gaining entry through open garage doors. Westside Tactical is asking anyone who was a victim of a recent Burglary, where access was gained to the home via an open garage door to contact them at as soon as possible at 915.212.0370.

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