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*****NEWS RELEASE*****

December 27, 2018

VPD Report Number: 18-112940

Date/Time Occurred: 12-27-18 / 1906 hours

Type of Incident: Battery, Resisting Arrest and Resist with Threat or Violence

Location: 2100 Block of S. Santa Fe

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

1. Michael Fitzgerald

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Yes

2.

Details: On 12-27-18 at approximately 1906 hours, officers were dispatched to the Gold Star Mobile Estates located on the 2100 block of S. Santa Fe, regarding a fight in progress. On arrival, officers found several subjects physically restraining a highly intoxicated Michael Fitzgerald on the ground. When officers stepped in to detain Fitzgerald, he began struggling and attempted to bite the two officers. Officers were able to quickly restrain Fitzgerald in handcuffs, and learned he had physically assaulted at least one person at the mobile home park prior to their arrival. The victim and suspect did not know each other prior to this incident. Fitzgerald was transported to an area hospital where he was treated for minor injuries sustained prior to police arrival. No officers were injured in this incident. Fitzgerald will be booked at the Adult Pre-Trial Facility for the above listed charges once he is cleared from the hospital. The adult, female victim physically assaulted by Fitzgerald received minor injuries.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol

Supervisor: Sgt. Chris Jennings



