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*****NEWS RELEASE*****
February 18, 2021

VPD Report Number: 21-014423

Date/Time Occurred: 02/18/2021 / 2054 hrs.

Type of Incident: Possession of Firearm / Warrant Arrest

Location: Santa Fe St. / Houston Ave.

Name of Business (if applicable):

N/A

Suspect:

Age:

Arrested:

- 1. Male Juvenile
- 2. Michael Pena

17
20

Yes
Yes

Details: On 2-18-21 at 2054 hrs. Officers with the Special Enforcement Unit observed a group of five pedestrians walking near the intersection of Houston Ave. and Santa Fe St. Upon seeing the police vehicles, one individual split away from the group and was observed by officers as he threw a firearm over a nearby cinder block wall. All five subjects were detained, and the firearm was immediately recovered. The firearm was an unserialized handgun with a high-capacity magazine. The subject in possession of the firearm, a male juvenile (17), was positively identified by officers and taken into custody. An adult within the group, Michael Pena (20), was found to have an active felony warrant for his arrest on charges related to a residential burglary. The remaining three individuals were released to the custody of their parents.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Special Enforcement Unit

Supervisor: Sgt. Mike Short



