

APD Releases Details of Recent Officer-Involved Shootings

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – The Albuquerque Police Department released details today of two recent officer-involved shootings.

<u>March 7, 2021</u>

Location: 1101 Montaño Road NE

On March 7, 2021 at approximately 9:54 p.m., Officer Isaac Aragon was traveling west on Montano Blvd NE in the left lane approaching Culture Drive NE, when he observed a blue Dodge van, which was also facing westbound, with its left blinker on waiting to turn south at Culture Drive NE. The van suddenly pulled back into the left lane in front of Officer Aragon. Officer Aragon stated the van decreased its speed to approximately 20 MPH. The van changed lanes into the center lane and continued at a slow speed.

Officer Aragon stated he began to pass the van, when the van suddenly swerved back into the left lane causing Officer Aragon to take evasive action to avoid a collision. Officer Aragon stated prior to the van swerving, he observed the male driver look directly at him out of the driver's side window.

Officer Aragon requested an additional officer to assist with a traffic stop. Officer Rotruck and Officer Fred Ruiz advised they would respond.

Officer Aragon initiated his emergency equipment at Montaño and Renaissance NE. The van continued west, and came to a stop west of the Power Ford car lot. The license plate on the van was NM 622WSN.

Officer Aragon approached the van and told the driver to place the keys on the dashboard. Officer Aragon also observed an older female in the passenger seat. The driver produced a driver's license and Officer Aragon observed the picture on the license did not match the male driver. The male driver appeared to be in his 50's, and the DOB on the license would make him 35 years old. After questioning the driver's lidentity, the driver produced a Concealed Carry permit, also in the name of the person on the driver's license.

Officer Ruiz contacted the person listed on the driver's license over the phone and was advised he had lost his wallet in December of 2020.

Officer Aragon opened the driver's door of the van and told the driver to step out. Officer Aragon stated he observed the male "fidgeting around with his waist." The driver reached forward and grabbed the keys off the dash and began to start the engine. Both Officer Aragon and Officer Rotruck told the driver not to start the van. The driver asked "Why?" and continued to start the van. Officer Aragon stepped towards the van, stepping up on the running board, and attempted to grab the driver's left wrist.

Officer Aragon said he noticed the driver lean forward and go for his waistline and come up with a black firearm, as he pivoted his body toward the driver's door. He said he was afraid he was going to be shot.

As the van drove off, Officer Aragon discharged five rounds from his 9mm handgun. The van continued west on Montano Road NW. Officers began to pursue, the van, and the on-duty Lieutenant called off the pursuit.

Several hours later, about 5:10 a.m., Rio Rancho Police Department officers responded to 2211 Unser NW in response to a male who had been shot.

Rio Rancho officers made contact with a male, who identified himself as Bill Grant and a female who was identified as Kelley Condrey. The individuals were standing next to a white Impala in the parking lot, which they stated they arrived in. Mr. Grant showed the officer's an apparent gunshot wound to his lower left back. This wound was covered by a bandage.

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Bill was transported to UNMH for treatment, and was released later the same day (the bullet was not removed from Bill's back).

Interviews were attempted with Bill, Kelley and Lin. Bill refused to answer any questions after he made a statement. Both individuals stated there was no weapon in the van.

Kelley stated after the shooting they went to their apartment and then to a friend's house, where they treated Bill's wound and ate enchiladas. Kelley claimed she had no idea where the van was.

Involved individual: William "Bill" Grant (4/11/1964)

Involved Officers:

Officer Isaac Aragon, who has been with the department since 2018, has not been involved in any prior officer-involved shootings.

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