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NEWS RELEASE

DATE: September 3, 2017

TYPE OF INCIDENT: Murder "1st Degree Felony"

DATE/TIME REPORTED: September 2, 2017 at approximately 2255 hours

LOCATION: 2550 W. 8th St. - Woodcrest Apartments

ARRESTEE: Juan Ochoa H/M 07-20-99

An arrest has been made in connection to a homicide that happened on 09-02-17 at approximately 2255 hours. Odessa Police Officers responded to a large disturbance at the Woodcrest Apartments, 2550 W. 8th St. last night. While officers were responding to the location, additional information was received that shots had been fired and a gunshot victim was in an apartment. Officers located a 23-year-old female, identified as Mariana Nieto DOB 04-13-94, deceased in her apartment. The subsequent investigation determined that an 18-year-old subject, Juan Ochoa DOB 07-20-99, discharged a firearm at a large crowd and a round struck the victim causing her death. Ochoa was arrested and charged with Murder Felony 1. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Odessa Police Department at 432-333-3641 or Odessa Crime Stoppers at 432-335-TIPS (335-8477).

The investigation is ongoing and additional information will be released pending autopsy results.

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