



**POLICE**  
CITY OF ODESSA



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## NEWS RELEASE

**DATE:** September 7, 2017

**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** Murder "1st Degree Felony"

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

**LOCATION:** 2550 West 8th Street (Woodcrest Apartments)

**UPDATE:**

Further investigation revealed that Juan Ochoa discharged a firearm at two other individuals during the time of the shooting at the Woodcrest Apartments. Based on the facts and circumstances presented during the investigation, OPD detectives obtained two deadly conduct warrants and a DNA search warrant for Juan Ochoa.

On 9-6-17 at approximately 0942 hours, officers responded to the 1400 block of West 12th Street in attempt to locate Juan Ochoa. While officers were on scene, they made contact with Maria Ochoa, date of birth 04/11/1963 and Wendy Ochoa, date of birth 11/18/1993. Both subjects refused and prevented officers from entering the residence by pushing and grabbing them. Wendy Ochoa pushed officers while holding a 1-year-old infant, placing it in imminent danger.

Officers located Juan Ochoa inside the residence and placed him into custody for his warrants. Based on the facts and circumstances presented during the investigation, Maria Ochoa was arrested for Hindering Apprehension "3rd Degree Felony". Wendy Ochoa was arrested for Hindering Apprehension "3rd Degree Felony" and Endangering a Child "State Jail Felony". All three subjects were charged and arrested accordingly and transported to the ECLEC.

**ORIGINAL SUMMARY FROM 9-3-17:**

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 offices 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.



Juan Ochoa



Wendy Ochoa



Maria Ochoa