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**NEWS
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El Paso, Texas

Video of Police Incident at CRCC

Date: 8/4/2020

Location: Central Regional Command Center

Offender: 37-year old Juan Manuel Valero of the 600 block of S. Park

Charge: Aggravated Robbery, \$50,000 bond

Charge: Injury to an Elderly, \$25,000 bond

Charge: Assault on a Public Servant, \$2,000 bond

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On August 6, 2020 a local news station aired a video depicting an officer kicking at the legs/feet of a handcuffed prisoner while the prisoner was on the ground. Comments to the news outlet regarding the footage were limited to the extent there would be an Internal Affairs Investigation. The following provides background on what led to those moments depicted on the video in question.

On August 4th Central Regional Command officers responded to La Tiendita store at 500 S. Park on an Aggravated Robbery just occurred. The store clerk was robbed at knifepoint. The offender was recognized by a witness who provided the offender's name and address to the officers.

An officer responded to the offender's residence and witnessed a scuffle involving the offender and others. The offender was punching his 73-year old mother while scuffling with three witnesses who went to the aid of the elderly victim. One of the witnesses was bloodied from injuries to his face but neither witness wished to press charges. During the scuffle with the witnesses the offender sustained injuries to his face. A supervisor arrived at the scene and documented the offender's injuries before his transport for processing.





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The offender was arrested for the Aggravated Robbery, and Injury to an Elderly/family violence. He was transported to Central and became combative towards the officers as they escorted him from the patrol car. A struggle ensued with the handcuffed subject on the ground. The offender managed to grab an officer's leg while kicking assisting officers. At that point, the video depicts the scene with the offender's legs wrapped around an officers left leg. That officer loses his balance and delivers feet strikes to the offender's feet and legs to release from the offender's grasp. Strikes were delivered to the offender and a drive stun with a taser to the offender's leg was employed before officers were able to regain control of the offender.

Internal Affairs investigations are launched by external or internal complaints. External complaints are those filed by a citizen aggrieved party. Internal Complaints are those brought from within, when the department becomes aware of a possible violation of policy or procedure. As of today, an external complaint has not been filed. After reviewing the case report and close examination of the video, it has been determined that the use of force was necessary and reasonable; the officer's actions depicted in the video were within departmental policy and further investigation is unwarranted.



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