



## POLICE DEPARTMENT

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# Media Release



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To: Media Release  
From: Lt. Juan Zamora  
Subject: SPD Officers assist Border Patrol in apprehensions

On Sunday, June 26, 2022, approximately 5:30 PM a vehicle failed to stop at the U.S. Border Patrol Checkpoint on I-19 near Tubac. The secondary checkpoint exists to deter and capture persons who are smuggling drugs and humans.

Border Patrol units pursued the vehicle that failed to yield for them. The suspect vehicle came to a stop near I-19 and Duval Mine Road. Seven occupants immediately fled from the vehicle and ran toward the business plaza where Family Dollar and Ace Hardware are located.

SPD officers, including one working Operation Stone Garden (a grant funded program that assists Border Patrol in deterrence) were in the area and responded to assist. Responding SPD officers apprehended all seven of the suspects that fled from the suspect vehicle. The suspects were located in three smaller separate groups and were hiding in the desert area and area of the businesses. Those apprehended were found to be in the country illegally. They were turned over to Border Patrol for processing. Border Patrol apprehended the driver of the vehicle. It is unknown what charges the driver will be facing.

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