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# Offender Arrested for Stabbing

**Date/Time:** 7/4/2022 at 1:10 PM

**Location:** 221 North Lee Street

**Offender:** John Mason, 54 years old, El Paso, Texas resident

**Charge 1:** Aggravated Assault w/a Deadly Weapon, \$50,000 bond issued by Judge Joseph

**Charge 2:** Aggravated Assault w/a Deadly Weapon, \$50,000 bond issued by Judge Joseph

**Charge 3:** Burglary of Vehicle, \$1,500 bond issued by ADA Martinez

**Charge 4:** Criminal Mischief >=\$100<\$750, \$1,500 bond issued by ADA Martinez

**Victim 1:** Sergio Hernandez, 58 years old, El Paso, Texas resident

**Victim 2:** Anthony James Lerma, 54 years old, El Paso, Texas resident

**El Paso, Texas** – On Monday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, officers from the Central Regional Command were dispatched to 221 North Lee Street in reference to an aggravated assault in progress. The investigation revealed the offender, John Mason, stabbed one of the male victims, Sergio Hernandez, after having a disagreement with Hernandez. A second victim, Anthony James Lerma, roommate to Hernandez, was stabbed by Mason as well after asking Mason what was going on. Mason then exited the building, entered Hernandez's car without permission, and broke the windows to the car. Officers arrived at the scene and placed Mason under arrest, Mason was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility for the charges related to this incident.

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