



PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Lafayette Avenue Arrests

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY, VIRGINIA . . . On 07-26-09, at approximately 7:50 p.m., police responded to the 9800 block of Lafayette Avenue in the Manassas area to investigate a loud noise complaint. When the first responding officers arrived, they contacted the homeowner who was highly intoxicated. The officers explained the noise ordinance to the homeowner, later identified as Edgar A. Rodriguez. Rodriguez began to act disorderly and refused to identify himself to officers. Rodriguez was then told that he was under arrest. Rodriguez physically resisted the officer's attempts to arrest him and force was necessary to make the arrest.

Family members attempted to interfere with Rodriguez's arrest. At the same time, a large group of persons who were at the party approached the officers. The officers called for additional officers to assist them. During the incident the homeowner, and a woman identified as Leticia Elias, were arrested. The arresting officers used the Taser to successfully arrest Rodriguez and Elias.

Arrested:

Edgar Amado Rodriguez (homeowner)
9628 Lafayette Avenue

55-years-old

Charged with Intoxicated in Public and Resisting Arrest. He was released on \$2,500 bond and has a court date of 08-28-09.

Leticia Elias

9628 Lafayette Avenue

25-years-old

Charged with Assault and Battery on a Law Enforcement Officer, Obstruction of Justice, and Resisting Arrest. She is being held on \$5,000 bond and has a court date of 08-28-09.

The Chief of Police has ordered an internal investigation regarding the use of force as well as the complaints Mr. Rodriguez has made to the media. Mr. Rodriguez has not filed a complaint with the Police Department, nor has he cooperated with our investigation by consenting to an interview with Internal Affairs.

Information obtained during the internal investigation disputes some of the claims made by Mr. Rodriguez to the media.

The Police Department will complete an internal investigation regarding this matter, and the Chief will take appropriate action based on the findings.

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