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PRESS RELEASE

Releasing Officer: Chief F. Lizarraga
Report Number: N/A
Date / Time Incident: 8/6/19
Location of Incident: CV Starr Center, Skate Park
Crime or Incident: Numerous
Victim: The Community
Suspect: N/A

CIRCUMSTANCES: During the last month, the Police Department has responded to 24 incidents or calls of juveniles acting in a disorderly fashion, using narcotics, or smoking in and around the park. Some of these calls also involved extra security checks and follow-ups to previous calls. Yesterday, Tuesday, August 6th, there were two serious incidents involving people that use the Starr Center and the Skate Park.

A young man drove onto the back parking lot area of the Starr Center by the Skate Park, and brandished a gun at a couple of other persons in the area. The suspect also made threatening remarks and drove off in his car, a dark blue Acura, License 8CUH664. The suspect has been identified is being sought. Later in the afternoon, and unrelated, a female juvenile assaulted another female within the park area. The assault consisted of being struck, kicked, threatened with a knife and then struck with a skateboard. The female suspect and her boyfriend later took the victim's backpack and both suspects then assaulted the female victim and her boyfriend as they tried to retrieve the victim's property. Both the female suspect and her boyfriend are in custody and facing numerous felony charges.

As a result of these incidents and the increase in unruly and disorderly behavior of persons using the skate park, the park was closed yesterday and will remain so through this Friday. People using the park while it is closed will be advised to leave and cited if they don't do so. It is hoped that this cooling off period will alleviate the activity and allow our kids to enjoy the park as it was meant to be used.

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