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Suspect Arrested after Confrontation with Business Owner

ABILENE, TX – Abilene Police officers arrested a 29-year-old man after displaying a rifle in front of an Abilene business owner and then allegedly setting the business on fire. Police and Fire were called out to the 4100 block of North First on Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 11:48 a.m. The initial investigation revealed that the business owner says he was confronted by an unknown male subject carrying a rifle at the business. After a verbal exchange between the two, the suspect got into his vehicle and drove to the rear of the business. The business owner called police. Moments later, as police arrived, smoke was seen coming from the business. Fire Crews arrived and extinguished the fire. The suspect, 29-year-old Pedro Mares was taken into custody. He is charged with Second Degree Felony Arson, and Second Degree Felony Aggravated Assault, and charges are pending for Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

Respectfully,

Rick Tomlin
Public Information Coordinator



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