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**Commissioner Stout Statement Regarding Investigation at
Ascarate Park**

El Paso – The following statement was released by El Paso County Commissioner David Stout in regards to the ongoing internal and criminal investigations at Ascarate Park:

“During my first week on the job as Commissioner, I was made aware of many issues facing the County. One of those is in regards to possible criminal conduct taking place at Ascarate Park. It is unfortunate the County must deal with this, and the allegations deeply concern me. Any time there is possible criminal conduct occurring within the County, we need to be sure it stops and we must look at how we can keep it from occurring in the future. The investigations are ongoing, and it is too early for anyone to make any assumptions about what may or may not have happened, or who may or may not be involved. We need to allow the Sheriff’s Office to finish the investigation and get to the bottom of this. As a former journalist, I believe government should be as transparent as possible, however, we also need to make sure that all details provided to the public are correct and that they are not a hindrance to any ongoing investigations.

“In light of the information I have been provided regarding this issue, I believe the Commissioners Court needs to collaborate with our Public Works department, as well as other departments, to put mechanisms in place that will protect the County in the future. I understand Commissioner Leon has begun that conversation, and I thank him for taking the initiative to do so, however, because Ascarate Park is within Precinct 2, I feel it incumbent upon me to take a leadership role on this issue and work with the necessary departments to create such mechanisms.”