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DISTRICT ATTORNEY RESPONDS TO INVASIVE VISUAL RECORDING CASE INQUIRIES

EL PASO, Texas (10/08/2025) – In light of several requests for interviews about a case involving a former cheerleading coach facing charges of Invasive Visual Recording, District Attorney James Montoya has issued the following statement:

"While we cannot comment on this case specifically, the DA's Office reviews all cases sent to us by El Paso law enforcement agencies for potential prosecution. In reviewing cases, our Office prioritizes those cases directly affecting the safety of the community, including crimes of actual or threatened violence and crimes against children. If there is sufficient evidence of all elements of a criminal offense, we will file a formal charge.

"The DA's Office stands ready to advocate for and assist all victims and survivors of crime, especially children, as they navigate our criminal justice system. This includes putting them in contact with resources they might need to confront the physical, mental, and emotional trauma inflicted on them.

"Regarding bond – under the Constitution, all persons accused of a crime are presumed innocent. Therefore, the purpose of bond is not to prematurely punish a defendant, but to ensure that he will show up to court and to ensure the safety of the community while the case is pending.

"Under Texas law, the specific bond amount is set by a judge after considering a number of factors, including the nature and circumstances of the charges, the defendant's criminal history and ties to the community, the defendant's ability to make bond, and the safety of the alleged victim, the community, and law enforcement. While each case is evaluated on an individual basis, the DA's Office is generally opposed to the reduction of bond in cases involving the use or threat of violence, or where the defendant otherwise poses a threat to public safety."

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