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CALDWELL POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE

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Just after 12:30 this morning, Caldwell Police responded to calls of shots fired in the area of Stony Ridge Avenue, at the scene of a family gathering. When the officers arrived, the suspect, later identified as Angel Montanez, had already fled the scene in his vehicle.

Several bullet holes were located in the home, near the front door and front bedroom. Several people were inside the home at the time, but luckily, no one was injured in the gunfire. Detectives gained early information that Montanez had been inside the residence prior to the shooting and was asked to leave after getting into a verbal altercation with other people inside.

After quick investigative follow up by diligent police officers, Montanez' vehicle was located in the 500 block of West Ross Lane in Caldwell, around 4:00 a.m. With the help of the Canyon County Sheriff's Office, he was arrested without force or incident.

Montanez was booked into the Canyon County Jail and he is charged with: destroying evidence and discharge of a firearm into a dwelling or vehicle.

“It is deeply concerning to me that folks cannot ask a person to leave a gathering anymore without being shot at. This is the second separate incident in a week with similar circumstances and it is absolutely appalling. I want to highlight that our professional team worked through the morning to capture Montanez within four hours of his violent act, so our community can continue to feel safe and have the confidence in us to do our part. It is unfortunate that this person may have let his own ego get in the way and resort to violence after being ejected,” said Rex Ingram, Caldwell Chief of Police.

*All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.*