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On February 11 just after 7 p.m., a Caldwell Police officer made a traffic stop on a vehicle for failing to stop at a posted stop sign near Brookville Avenue and Skyway Street.

The driver, who was identified as Sergio Rodriguez, made furtive movements and was unreasonably agitated during the stop. At this time, the officer requested an additional unit. Once an additional officer arrived, the officer asked Rodriguez to exit the vehicle. As Rodriguez exited the vehicle, he became combative. Officers continued to de-escalate by verbalizing with him and attempting to place him into handcuffs.

Once officers placed Rodriguez in handcuffs he began to kick at officers and further resist. He was then transported to West Valley ER to be checked out. At the ER, he continued to resist and was violent with hospital staff. Shortly thereafter, while officers were placing Rodriguez back into the patrol vehicle, he began to kick the windows of the vehicle. During this violent encounter with Rodriguez, he spat in the eyes and mouth(s) of officers, physically kicked them and was very aggressive to the hospital staff. Thankfully, no one was injured. Officers used the minimal amount of reasonable force necessary to overcome his resistance and defend themselves.

Rodriguez was booked into the Canyon County Jail, and is charged with assault and battery; resisting and obstructing an officer; possession of a controlled substance; and paraphernalia with the intent to use.

“If you think you’re going to fight my officers and win, you are highly confused and wrong. Not sure why people think it’s ok to spit on other human beings, let alone police officers who are doing their job to keep you safe. Mr. Rodriguez is a disgusting individual who is not worth any more attention than we are already giving him. I’m proud of my officers who showed commendable restraint during this violent predatory attack,” said Rex Ingram, Caldwell Chief of Police.



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