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Fight Involving an Off Duty Socorro Police Officer

Agent Mitch Bengston with the New Mexico State Police Criminal Investigation Section is currently investigating an off duty Socorro Police Officer for possible misconduct.

On August 18, 2007 at approximately 0155 hours, officers arrived on the scene of a reported fight which was taken place at Escondido Lake State Park. Among the persons in the fight was off duty Socorro Police Officer John Armijo. Officer John Armijo is under investigation for allegedly hitting another person and possibly discharging his weapon. Officer John Armijo's department sidearm, a Sig Sauer was seized by the New Mexico State Police for examination. Officer John Armijo is on administrative leave from the Socorro Police Department, pending the outcome of the investigation and allegations brought against this officer. If misconduct is discovered, the New Mexico State Police will turn the information over to the Chief of the Socorro Police Department and the District Attorney for final disposition of this officer.