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Rangers assist in shooting investigation

Texas Rangers are assisting the Hudspeth County Sheriff's Office with an investigation related to a shooting incident at 1 p.m. Wednesday in western Hudspeth County.

When the investigation is complete, the report will be turned over to the District Attorney's Office in El Paso for submission to a Grand Jury.

The preliminary investigation indicates Joseph Denton, a 52-year-old retired mechanic, fired at two men with a rifle. The men were in a pickup on his property in the Sunset Ranches subdivision. The injured were identified as Norberto Velez, 55, and his son, 32-year-old Norangel Velez. Denton then took the injured men to the Fabens Fire Department for medical attention, and both men were transported by ambulance to El Paso.

Norangel Velez was released from the hospital later Wednesday evening. His father remains hospitalized at University Medical Center in El Paso. Both men are legal residents of El Paso.

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