

He was taken to the hospital then to the Jim Wells County Jail, where he remained Thursday.

He was being held for suspicion of two counts of aggravated assault with a weapon and a violation of parole. He was held without bail because of the parole violation.

-Alexandria Rodriguez

having trouble bringing an animal into their facility, they will leave food out for the dog or cat so it won't go hungry, Broyles said.

Most of the 118 kennels at the shelter are full, and the goal of the event is to get as many animals adopted as possible.

"I know people that didn't know we

looked for when I decided to volunteer." Animals that are ready to be adopted are spayed or neutered, and are micro-chipped, Broyles said.

But some people who are looking to adopt may have to wait a while until the animal they want is free from a "stray wait," a three-day waiting period that gives possible owners the chance to claim their pets. Other animals that are

waiting period until they are eligible for adoption, Broyles said.

Those looking to adopt a pet should bring a valid ID or driver's license when they attend the event Saturday, Peterson said.

Peterson also encourages people with children and other pets to bring them

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## Local high school tagged with graffiti

### Bright red paint spelled out words and symbols

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CORPUS CHRISTI CALLER-TIMES

Football players arriving for practice early Thursday morning discovered something that didn't belong on their school.

The Ray High School students saw bright red paint spelling out words and symbols outside the cafeteria and fine arts building, among other areas on campus.

The students alerted coaches and Principal Cissy Reynolds Perez contacted district maintenance crews to have the graffiti removed as soon as possible.

"It was a lot, so obviously someone has too much time on their hands," Perez said. "And maybe they need to get educated on other things instead and maybe they'll have a happier life and they won't have to go destroying other people's property."

She said school pride is important, which is why it's important to address the problem quickly, but also take responsibility and action.

"We take pride in our campus — the students know this is their home away from home," Perez said. "But, it's everybody's responsibility to take ownership of the campus. So, any time any students or teachers or anyone, if we see anything that is damaging to our campus we make sure that we report it immediately so that we can take care of it. Just like we



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RAY HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

would in our own home."

Corpus Christi ISD Police Chief Kirby Warnke said recently there have been reports of break-ins at some campuses.

Warnke said the break-ins involved kids and didn't result in any damage. He said there have not been any other major vandalism or break-ins at the campuses.

## Aransas County DA calls out police force

### Office will not accept cases from Rockport

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The Aransas County District Attorney's Office announced it is no longer accepting cases submitted by the Rockport Police Department.

In a news release dated Aug. 15, the office said it would not take the cases from the department "until an improvement plan is in place, and we have their complete assurance that we will receive accurate case reports and (all) evidence in a timely and professional manner every single time."

It's not clear how long the office will not accept cases, but Aransas County District Attorney Kristen Barnebey said she hopes it won't last long.

"I am very hopeful that they will see the light and they will do some education and some restructuring," Barnebey said.

Mayor C.J. Wax said that since the announcement was made, he's received calls from members of the public concerned that they now live in a "no law enforcement zone." He said this will not impact the safety of people living in Rockport.

"We are examining alternatives," Wax said. "We are interested of course in protecting the citizens of Rockport. So we want to ensure that they know that their safety has not been compromised. Our police officers are continuing to perform their functions, and we'll work through

this."

The D.A.'s office contends Officer Chad Brooks has "continued to engage in the unethical behavior of profiling defendants with whom he has had previously contact and he has secretly recorded a trial preparation meeting" with the office and would not turn it over for evidence, according to the release. In late July the office stopped accepting cases in which Brooks was a witness or a responding or arresting officer.

The police chief of the department directed questions to Wax, who said he thinks recording the video was "at least unethical" but that the officer since has been disciplined by the department.

A copy of the discipline letter that was released to the D.A.'s office states that Brooks used an assigned body camera to record a meeting with an assistant district attorney. It continues that while the action was "not a direct violation" of a police department policy that forbids recording members of the department without their knowledge, "it was a poor display of judgment."

The letter states that the video is now part of the case file and must be released to the defense council in the case and instructs Brooks not record any more meetings with D.A. staff and that a supervisor go with him to any meetings with the D.A.'s office.

"You are not to record any meetings with the staff of the Aransas County District Attorney's," the letter reads. "Any future meetings that you have with the D.A.'s office you are to notify your immediate supervisor."