

**VALLEY CITY**

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PRESS RELEASE:

On 1-12-2022 VCPD initiated an investigation into a case of suspected child abuse and neglect. The child is a student at Valley City Public Schools so our School Resource Officer began the investigation with the assistance of members of Buffalo Bridges Human Services. It was determined that the child had been assaulted by the father at a residence in Valley City.

Upon completion of the investigation and consultation with the Barnes County State's Attorney's office, a determination was made to arrest the father for Child Abuse, a C felony. Raul E. Canales Fuentes was arrested without any further incident.

***"It is cases like this that we are determined to figure out what happened right away and keep our children safe, especially in their own homes. The team approach we have forged between VCPD and BBHS is proving that by working together we can accomplish so much more and that is what our community deserves."***

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