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Woman Kidnapped, Assaulted in Domestic Disturbance

On Thursday, 15 January 2009, at approximately 11:45pm, Ardmore Police responded to a Domestic Disturbance in the 1700 block of NW Commerce (the Wal-Mart parking lot). Officers determined that the victim in this case was leaving work for the evening with a co-worker when 21-year old Paul Rodriguez arrived, blocking the victim's vehicle with his car. The victim stated that Rodriguez was an ex-boyfriend. Rodriguez approached the victim's car, pulled her out of the front seat, and forced her into his vehicle. The victim's cell phone was grabbed by the suspect and thrown away from her reach. Rodriguez then drove the victim a short distance to park at a nearby construction area and briefly assaulted the victim in the backseat. She did sustain only minor injuries which resulted in a small mark on her neck. The victim told officers that after becoming aware of the police in the area, the perpetrator then drove back to a different area of the parking lot where the abduction initially occurred. The victim was ordered to get out of the car and the suspect drove away. He was apprehended a short time later and arrested on felony charges of kidnapping, domestic assault, and interfering with an emergency telephone call. The suspect is 21-year old Paul Rodriguez, 5'4" 122 pounds. Rodriguez was booked into the Carter County Jail, where he remains at the time of this writing. The victim was shaken up but escaped serious injury. The victim's co-worker was not harmed during the incident.