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NEWS RELEASE

Woman Crashes Into House

Update: Driver Booked on Murder Charge After Woman Succumbs to Injuries

41 –year old Margaret Cantu has been booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility on a Murder charge after 87 –year old Ruriko Denison succumbed to injuries she sustained when Cantu crashed into her home while she slept. Cantu, who was intoxicated at the time, was initially charged with Intoxication Assault. The charge was upgraded to Murder upon Denison’s passing due to Cantu’s past DWI arrests. Cantu was booked on a \$1,000,000 bond.

History:

Date and time: December 23, 2019, at approximately 1:10 a.m.
Location: 4724 Junction
Offender: 41 –year old Margaret Cantu of the 4800 block of Junction
Vehicle: 2000 Ford Expedition
Victim: 87 –year old Ruriko Denison of the 4700 block of Junction

El Paso, Texas- Special Traffic Investigations officers responded to the 4700 block of Junction to investigate a collision that left an elderly lady with life-threatening injuries. The investigation revealed that 41 –year old Margaret Cantu was driving an Expedition south on Kenworthy at an excessive speed and crashed into a home after losing control of the vehicle. 87 –year old Ruriko Denison was asleep inside her bedroom when she was injured by the crash. Ms. Denison was transported to University Medical Center where she was last listed in critical condition. Cantu was charged with Intoxication Assault and booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility under a \$250,000 bond.

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