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El Paso, Texas

Carjacking on I-10 Leads to Arrest

Date: October 8, 2020

Time: 5:01 PM

Location: I-10 East MP 21 (Piedras)

Arrested: 36 –year old Travis Termel Harris of Universal City, Texas

Victim: 36 –year old Maria Echavarria of El Paso

Victim: 29 –year old Chastity Santina Lewis of San Antonio, Texas

Crimes Against Persons was called late Thursday afternoon following a carjacking on I-10 East at Piedras. Investigators learned 36 –year old Travis Termel Harris of Universal City, Texas was driving through El Paso with a friend, 29 –year old Chastity Santina Lewis of San Antonio, Texas. Harris was reportedly driving erratically in a Ryder moving truck, swerving in and out of traffic, when he collided with a Mitsubishi Montero. The driver of the Montero, 36 –year old Maria Echavarria, pulled the vehicle over to the freeway shoulder following the collision. As Echavarria retrieved her documents from her glove compartment, Harris approached the vehicle, opened the driver side door and forcefully pulled Echavarria out of the car. Echavarria was still partially seat belted as Harris gained control of the car and began to drive away, dragging Echavarria along the roadway. Harris then kicked Echavarria on the chest, causing her to roll and hit her head on the pavement, as Harris fled the scene in the Montero. Echavarria sustained multiple injuries and was transported to a local hospital for treatment. Responding officers also learned Lewis had been assaulted by Harris as well, just minutes before the carjacking. Lewis told investigators Harris punched her in the head and neck after a verbal argument. Harris was soon located after the Montero was found abandoned a short distance from the scene. Harris was taken into custody and charged with Aggravated Robbery and Assault. He was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility on bonds, issued by Jail Magistrate Myers, totaling \$305,000.

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