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# Condition 2 Fire at Marmolejo Apartment Complex

**El Paso, Texas**— On October 2, 2025, at approximately 12:58 pm, the El Paso Fire Department responded to reports of a structure fire in an apartment complex on the 600 Block of N. Carolina St. No firefighters were injured; however, one canine life was tragically lost.

A coordinated investigation was conducted by the El Paso Fire Marshal's Office in collaboration with officers from the El Paso Police Department's Mission Valley Regional Command Center. As a result of the joint operation, 38-year-old Manuel Cardona was arrested later that day on the following charges:

- Assault on a Public Servant
- Resisting Arrest, Search, and Transport
- Harassment of Public Servant

On October 3, 2025, Manuel Cardona was re-booked at the El Paso County Detention Facility on an additional charge brought by members of the Fire Marshal's Office.

**Charge:** Arson of Habitation (First-degree Felony)

**Judge:** Aun

**Bond:** None

For more information about the El Paso Fire Department visit, [EIPasoTexas.gov/fire-department/](http://EIPasoTexas.gov/fire-department/).

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