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El Paso Police Arrest Suspect for Murder Following Westside Shooting

Date: 07/02/2026 **Time:** 11:30 p.m.

Location: 2800 block of N. Mesa

Victim: 32-year-old Christopher Brandon Steven **(Deceased)**

Arrested: 26-year-old Nicholas Wells

Charge: Murder

EL PASO, Texas—The El Paso Police Department's Crimes Against Persons division has arrested 26-year-old Nicholas Wells for the murder of 32-year-old Christopher Brandon Steven.

On Thursday, July 2, 2026, at approximately 11:34 p.m., officers responded to a shooting at the Walgreens located at 2800 N. Mesa. Upon arrival, officers took Wells into custody outside the business after he admitted to the shooting and was found in possession of two firearms. Inside the store, officers located Mr. Steven suffering from multiple gunshot wounds.

He was transported to University Medical Center, where he later died from his injuries.

Investigators determined that the incident began as a verbal argument in the parking lot over a handicap parking space. Wells followed Mr. Steven inside the store, where a physical altercation ensued.

During the fight, Wells pulled out a handgun and shot Mr. Steven three times. Wells has been booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility on a charge of Murder.

This is the 8th Murder of 2026 compared to 15 at this time in 2025.



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