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UPDATE: Shooting on U.S. 54 Near Loop 375

Date/Time: 06/16/2023 @ 2:19 P.M.

Location: U.S. 54 South Bound @ Exit 20 (Loop 375)

Driver: Daniel PIEDRA Garcia, 52 years of age, El Paso (Critically Injured)

Passenger: Phoebe Copas, 48 years of age, Tompkinsville Kentucky (Arrested)

El Paso, Texas – The passenger who shot an Uber Driver on U.S. 54 near Loop 375 has been arrested and charged with Aggravated Assault Causing Serious Bodily Injury, a Second Degree Felony. The passenger, 48-year-old Phebe Copas, shot Uber driver 52-year-old Daniel Piedra Garcia.

At 2:19 P.M., Patrol Officers from the El Paso Police Department and Fire Medical crews responded to a shooting call on U.S. 54 South at exit 20. The preliminary investigation revealed that Piedra was driving Copas from the Westside to a destination on El Paso's Mission Valley. At some point during the drive, Copas thought she was being taken into Mexico and shot Piedra. The investigation does not support that a kidnapping took place or that Piedra was veering from Copas' destination.

Piedra was critically wounded, taken to the hospital, and remains hospitalized. Copas was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility under a \$1,000,000 bond issued by Judge Priddy. This investigation continues, and no additional details are available.

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