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**NEWS
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Hit and Run Driver Arrested for Driving While Intoxicated 2nd

Date: 08/20/2023 **Time:** 01:35 a.m.

Location: 11800 Gateway West

Arrested: 36-year-old Javier Melendez Jr., resident of Odessa, Texas

Vehicle#1: 2022 Chevrolet Silverado

Charge: Driving While Intoxicated 2nd

Judge: D. More **Bond:** \$25,000

El Paso, Texas— On August 20, 2023, at approximately 1:35 a.m., a police officer was driving on the 11800 block of Gateway West when he observed a traffic crash involving a rolled-over vehicle.

He observed that a 2019 white Nissan Titan had rolled over, caught fire, and the driver was still trapped inside. Witnesses assisted in getting the driver out of the vehicle. At the same time, witnesses provided information about a pickup truck that fled the scene, which caused the crash. The officer promptly relayed a description of the evading vehicle; nearby officers located a silver 2022 Chevrolet Silverado at the 11700 block of Miriam close to the collision site and identified a male individual near the damaged vehicle, later confirmed as Javier Melendez Jr.

During the investigation, officers determined Melendez showed signs of intoxication, had defecated on himself, and still possessed the Silverado truck keys. Melendez was charged with Driving while intoxicated 2nd. He was later booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility with the above-listed bond.

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