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# Arrest Made in Murder Investigation

**Date:** 09/12/2023

**Time:** 4:16 pm

**Location:** 9133 Kernel (San Montego Apartments)

**Victim:** 28-year-old Brian Valentin Almanza, resident of Mission Valley, El Paso (**Decedent**)

**Arrested:** 23-year-old Jan Carlo Castillo, resident of Mission Valley, El Paso

**Charge:** Murder

**Judge:** S. Myers

**Bond:** \$1,000,000.00

**El Paso, Texas**— On September 21<sup>st</sup>, Officers observed a person matching the description of a subject seen on surveillance video from the murder scene when he was jaywalking at the 8500 block of Alameda. When confronted, the subject ran from the officers. After a short foot pursuit, he was apprehended and taken into custody for evading. He was identified as Jan Carlo Castillo. Crimes Against Persons detectives met with Castillo and charged him with Murder. He was later booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility.

## History:

**El Paso, Texas**—On 09-12-2023, the El Paso Police Department responded to 9133 Kernel Circle on a 911 call. Officers found an apartment door damaged with the decedent still inside when they arrived. The preliminary investigation revealed the reporter went to the victim's residence when he was not responding to calls or texts. When she discovered the decedent, she promptly called 911. Crimes Against Persons Unit has taken over the homicide investigation.

Investigators are asking for the community's assistance; if anyone has information about this crime, please call the police at the non-emergency number of 915-832-4400 or to remain anonymous, the public can call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 915-566-8477(TIPS) and be eligible for a cash reward. This is the 22 homicide compared to 17 this same time last year.

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