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**NEWS
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04/22/2025

Hit and Run Driver Arrested

Date: 04-12-2025 **Time:** 02:03 AM

Location: 900 N. Piedras / 2900 Tularosa

Vehicle #1: 2014 Chevrolet Malibu TX-CMZ0955

Driver: 18-year-old Carlos Manuel Rivera, Central El Paso, Texas resident.

Charge #1: Collision Involving Personal Injury or Death (**Serious Injuries**)

Judge: Myers

Bond: \$50,000.00

Vehicle #2: 2017 TaoTao Scooter

Driver: 32-year-old Samuel Bryan Ponce, Central El Paso, Texas resident.

EL PASO, Texas— On 04-12-2025, the Special Traffic Investigations unit was contacted to assist in a two-vehicle crash that involved serious injuries. The initial investigation revealed Ponce was driving his scooter southbound on Piedras approaching the intersection of Tularosa. At the same time Rivera unidentified at the time was traveling north on Piedras entered the mandatory left turn to go east on Tularosa however Rivera continued northbound and struck the scooter operated by Ponce.

Rivera then fled the scene north on Piedras. Ponce was rushed to a local hospital with life threatening injuries.

With the help of anonymous tips from the public, police identified Rivera as the driver. Rivera was placed under arrest on 04-21-2025.

Police are still searching for the black 2014 Chevrolet Malibu. If anyone has information about this case, please contact the police at the non-emergency number of 915-832-4400, or to remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers of El Paso at (915) 566-TIPS(8477)



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