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**NEWS
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09/22/2025

Arrest Made on Arsonist

Date: 09-17-2025 **Time:** 11:40 PM

Location: 6440 Montana

Victim: Beth El Bible Church

Arrested: 35-year-old Marynka Marquez, Denton, Texas.

Charge #1: Arson Intended Damage Habitation / Place of Worship

Judge: Nunez

Bond: \$50,000.00

EL PASO, Texas— On 09-17-2025, Police responded to 6440 Montana in reference to an arson. When police arrived, the investigation revealed that a woman had gone to the church, placed a large bag against the outside wall of the church, set it on fire, and then fled the scene. Fortunately, the pastor was leaving the church when he spotted the fire and quickly put it out. The fire marshals and the Special Investigation Unit from the El Paso Police Department began investigating the arson. The Investigation revealed the bag contained a paper plate with hateful language inscribed. The investigation identified Marquez as the person responsible for the fire.

On September 18, 2025, she was located and taken into custody. She was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility with the above-listed bail.

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