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**NEWS
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01/23/2026

Man Arrested for City's 1st Traffic Fatality

Date: 01-01-2026 **Time:** 02:01 AM

Location: 11200 Gateway North

Vehicle#1: 2023 Chevrolet Silverado pick-up

Driver (Arrested): 48-year-old Abel Garcia, Chaparral, NM resident.

Charge #1: Intoxication Manslaughter

Judge: R. Nunez

Bond: \$150,000.00

Charge #2: Assault FamV

County Court at Law #2: Warrant

Bond: \$1,500.00

Vehicle#2: 2013 Chevrolet Camaro

Driver: 19-year-old Nicholas Jason Ramirez, Northeast, El Paso Tx resident.

Passenger: 18-year-old Angelique Diaz De Leon, Northeast El Paso, Texas, resident **(Deceased)**

EL PASO, Texas— On 01-21-2026, Abel Garcia turned himself in to police and was charged with Intoxication Manslaughter. Garcia had an outstanding warrant for Family Violence at the time. He was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility with the above-listed bonds.

History

EL PASO, Texas— On 01-01-2026, the El Paso Police Department was called to the intersection of Gateway North and Sean Hagerty for a two-vehicle crash. Upon arrival, officers located a deceased individual. The Special Traffic Investigations unit was contacted to take over the investigation. The preliminary investigation revealed that the Chevy Camaro was traveling east on Sean Hagerty through the Gateway North intersection when the Pickup truck T-boned the Camaro in the intersection. Ramirez was transported to a local hospital with minor injuries; however, 18-year-old Angelique Diaz De Leon was killed in the crash. Investigators continue to investigate this fatality. The contributing factor in this collision is a red-light violation on behalf of Garcia. Alcohol may be a contributing factor. The investigation continues.

This is the first fatality compared to one at the same time last year.



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