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**NEWS
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03/23/2026

Man Arrested In Connection to 2025 Traffic Fatality

Date: 12-26-2025 **Time:** 12:06 AM

Location: US Hwy 54 North Mile marker 25 (Ellerthorpe)

Pedestrian: 36-yearold Miguel Eduardo Rodriguez (**Deceased**)

Vehicle #1: 2008 Chevy Silverado

Driver (Arrested): 39-year-old George Thomas Halvorsen, Northeast El Paso, TX resident.

Charge #1: Collision Involving Death

Charge #2: Possession of Controlled Substance Penalty group 1/1-B<1G

Judge: Acosta

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Bond: \$100,000.00

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EL PASO, Texas— On 03-19-2026, the Special Traffic Investigations Unit arrested 39-year-old George Thomas Halvorsen in connection with a hit and run that occurred on 12-26-2025. The arrest comes after investigators received an anonymous tip sent to Crimestoppers.

History

El Paso, Texas – The Special Traffic Investigations unit responded to US Hwy 54 North mm 25 (Ellerthorpe) to a collision involving a pedestrian. The preliminary investigation revealed Miguel Eduardo Rodriguez stopped and exited his vehicle at Gateway North and walked to the shoulder of US Hwy 54 North near Ellerthorpe. During this time an unknown vehicle was traveling on US Highway 54 North and struck Miguel Eduardo Rodriguez. The unknown vehicle fled the scene and Rodriguez was transported to the hospital where he unfortunately succumbed to his injuries. Investigators believe the unknown vehicle may have damage to the front right corner and is asking if anyone has any information on this incident, to contact the El Paso Police Department at 915-832-4400 or Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 915-566-8477 to remain anonymous.

This is the 61st traffic fatality of 2025 compared to 68 last year. This is the first fatality compared to one at the same time last year.



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