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**NEWS
RELEASE**

03/27/2026

Woman Steals Car and Assaults Officers

Date: 03-25-2026 **Time:** 7:02 PM

Location: 9000 Betel

Victim#1: 54-Year-old Male East El Paso, TX resident.

Vehicle Stolen: 2009 Chevrolet Equinox (**recovered**)

Victim #2: 3-year Veteran Officer assigned to the Mission Valley Regional Command Center

Victim #3: 3-year Veteran Officer assigned to the Mission Valley Regional Command Center

Arrested: 25-Year-old Vanessa Loreli Ronnebaum, Mission Valley, El Paso, TX resident.

Charge #1: Theft of Property >=\$2,500<\$30K (Theft of Vehicle)

Charge #2: Aggravated Assault Against a Public Servant

Judge: Myers **Bond:** \$40,000

Charge #3: Aggravated Assault Against a Public Servant

Judge: Myers **Bond:** \$40,000

Charge #4: Evading Arrest W/ Vehicle

Judge: Myers **Bond:** \$15,000

Charge #5: Driving While Intoxicated

EL PASO, Texas— On 03-25-2026, police responded to 3001 N. Yarbrough around 6:55 pm regarding a stolen vehicle report. When officers arrived, they learned a woman later identified as 25-year-old Vanessa Ronnebaum had stolen victim #1's vehicle when he parked and walked into the convenience store. During the investigation, police spotted the stolen vehicle near Matamoros and Giles and attempted a traffic stop. Ronnebaum fled from the officers and refused to stop. At one point, the 25-year-old was traveling eastbound on the westbound lanes. After a short pursuit, Ronnebaum was taken into custody after she intentionally rammed the stolen vehicle into the driver's door of a police unit, causing both vehicles to be disabled. Ronnebaum was booked into the El Paso County Detention facility on the charges listed above. Both officers were transported to a local hospital, where they received treatment for their injuries and were later discharged that day.



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