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**NEWS
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08/19/2026

Man Arrested Following Animal Cruelty Investigation

Date: 07/08/2026 **Time:** 5:43 p.m.

Location: 800 block of La Cruz Dr

Arrested: 73-year-old Carlos Fernandez, resident of West El Paso, TX

Charge #1: Cruelty to Non-Livestock Animal (Torture)

Judge: Compton **Bond:** \$25,000

Charge #2: Cruelty to Non-Livestock Animal (Torture)

Judge: Compton **Bond:** \$25,000

EL PASO, Texas—The El Paso Police Department Animal Cruelty Unit investigated an incident that occurred on July 8, 2026 involving a 2-month-old puppy. The preliminary investigation revealed that witnesses observed the offender, Carlos Fernandez, dragging and kicking the puppy on the hot pavement. Fernandez was also observed restricting the puppy's airway by pulling on its collar before placing the animal inside a shopping bag.

Fernandez voluntarily relinquished ownership of the puppy. A veterinary examination confirmed the puppy sustained burns to all four paws and a fractured rib. The puppy was surrendered to El Paso Animal Services for continued care.

Fernandez was arrested and booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility on two counts of Cruelty to Non-Livestock Animal (Torture). He was also issued a citation for an animal related offense involving the unlawful possession of a canine.

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