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**NEWS
RELEASE**

08/20/2026

Arrest Made for Murder

Location: 6800 Villa Hermosa

Date/Time: 08/18/2026 – 3:10 pm

Offender: John Michael De Coste, 29-year-old, El Paso Tx Resident

Offense: Murder (No bond)

Offense: Tampering with or Fabricating Physical Evidence

Offender: Idalia De La Torre, 28-year-old, El Paso TX Resident

Offense: Tampering with or Fabricating Physical Evidence

Bond: \$150,000

Victim: David Edward De Coste, 59-year-old, El Paso TX Resident (**Deceased**)

EL PASO, Texas – On August 18, 2026, officers responded to an unknown problem at a residence located at the 6800 block of Villa Hermosa. Upon arrival, responding officers located David De Coste wrapped in a plastic bag inside the home. During an initial protective sweep of the residence, officers detected signs of other individuals inside, though they were not immediately located.

Officers quickly secured the perimeter of the home and requested additional assistance. SWAT and the Crisis Management Team responded to the scene to assist. John De Coste and Idalia De La Torre later exited the residence. Crimes Against Persons continued with the investigation and subsequently John De Coste and Idalia De La Torre were booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility for the listed offenses.



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