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EL PASO MAN SENTENCED TO 45 YEARS IN PRISON FOR DOUBLE MURDER

EL PASO, TEXAS - An El Paso man has pleaded guilty to the murder of two people and was sentenced to 45 years in state prison.

The El Paso District Attorney's Office announced on Wednesday that Adrian James Gonzales, 28, accepted a plea agreement on Feb. 3, 2025, in the 346th District Court with Judge Patricia Baca presiding. As part of the plea agreement, Gonzales waived all his appellate rights.

The sentence was imposed nearly one year after Gonzales was arrested and charged with the deaths of Enrike Havier Navarro, 34, and Noemi Crispin, 40. According to the complaint affidavit, on Feb. 23, 2024, a witness called El Paso County Sheriff's Office deputies to the 4600 block of Turf Road after seeing a man, later identified as Mr. Navarro, lying on the ground, unresponsive. Deputies also found Ms. Crispin's body a short distance away.

The witness told investigators she saw a man driving away from the scene, according to the affidavit. Investigators followed the vehicle debris and fluid trail to a home on the 4700 block of Turf Rd, where they found both Gonzales and a damaged SUV. Video surveillance evidence supplied by neighbors also showed Gonzales driving erratically on Turf Rd. around the time of the crash. While no motive was given, family and friends of Gonzales told investigators they believed Gonzales often used methamphetamine.

"While we will never know with certainty why the Defendant killed Mr. Navarro and Ms. Crispin, thanks to willingness of the witnesses who came forward and the dedicated work of the Sheriff's Office deputies and investigators, our Office was able to hold him accountable for his callous and heinous actions," stated District Attorney James Montoya.

Assistant District Attorney Talisa Gutierrez represented the State of Texas in the prosecution of the case.