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MAN ADMITS TO KILLING TODDLER, INJURING TODDLER'S BABY BROTHER

EL PASO, TEXAS - A man who was accused of murdering a 3-year-old boy in his care and injuring the boy's 1-year-old brother pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 40 years in prison.

The El Paso District Attorney's Office announced that Adrian Amaya, 31, accepted a plea agreement on March 5, 2025, in the 409th District Court with Judge Sam Medrano presiding. Amaya pleaded guilty to one count of murder and two counts of injury to a child.

The investigation into the death of Remmy Piria, 3, began on June 26, 2018, when El Paso police were called to check on the children living at a home on the 11500 block of Spencer Drive in East El Paso. One boy was transported to Del Sol Medical Center where he was pronounced deceased. An investigation later revealed the toddler had injuries on his chest, back, face, and forehead. Further investigation found Remmy's 1-year-old brother also had injuries on his face. Amaya was not related to the boys and had been watching them for their mother while she was at work.

As part of the agreement, Amaya waived all appeals related to his convictions. The paternal grandfather of the boys was present in court for the sentencing and spoke about how the loss of Remmy has affected his family.

The District Attorney's Office commends the work of the El Paso Police Department officers and investigators who investigated this crime.

Assistant District Attorneys Lisa Clausen and Eric Willard represented the State of Texas in the prosecution of the case.

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