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**MAN WHO HELPED MURDER FELLOW EL PASO COUNTY JAIL ANNEX INMATE  
PLEADS GUILTY**

**EL PASO, Texas (01/22/2026)** –An El Paso man was sentenced to 15 years in prison for his role in connection to the deadly beating of a fellow inmate at the El Paso County Jail Annex over two years ago.

George Lopez, 25, pleaded guilty to Murder on Thursday, Jan. 15, in the 171st District Court with Judge Bonnie Rangel presiding.

With his plea, Lopez admitted to conspiring with other inmates to attack Jesus Torres, 57, inside a shared cell at the Annex on Nov. 26, 2023, by agreeing to serve as a lookout and helping to clean up the scene of the fatal attack.

Because the cases for Lopez's co-defendants remain pending, District Attorney James Montoya is withholding making a comment on the case's outcome.

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

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