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**MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO DEADLY SHOOTING AT WALMART ON AUG. 3, 2019,  
SENTENCED TO LIFE IN PRISON**

EL PASO, Texas (04/21/2025) – The person who admitted to opening fire on shoppers in the Cielo Vista Walmart on Aug. 3, 2019, has pleaded guilty to killing 23 people and wounding 22 others. The plea hearing took place on Monday, Apr. 21 before 409th District Judge Samuel Medrano in the County Commissioners' Courtroom. The change in venue within the Enrique Moreno County Courthouse was made in order to accommodate the high number of victims and their families, representatives from both the district attorney's office and the defense team, members of the media, and community members who wished to attend.

After pleading guilty to one count of Capital Murder of Multiple Persons and 22 counts of Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon, the shooter was sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole. He also waived his right to any appeals or clemency. He will be remanded to the custody of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice once the hearing has concluded. Prison authorities will ultimately decide the facility where he will serve his sentence.

"I know many wanted us to continue pursuing the death penalty against the shooter. However, after speaking with the victims' next-of-kin as well as the survivors and weighing when we would realistically be able to move forward with a trial, it became clear that there was a strong consensus to end the legal proceedings as swiftly as possible," said District Attorney James Montoya. "After nearly six years, many families just wanted it to be over. And now it is. They will finally have their chance to face the person responsible for this horrendous attack."

The names of those who lost their lives on Aug. 3, 2019 are Andre and Jordan Anchondo, Arturo Benavidez, Jorge Calvillo Garcia, Leonardo Campos and Maribel Hernandez, Angelina Silva Englisbee, Maria and Raul Flores, Guillermo 'Memo' Garcia, Alexander Gerhard Hoffman, David Alvah Johnson, Luis Alfonzo Juarez, Ivan Filiberto Manzano, Gloria Irma Márquez, Elsa Mendoza de la Mora, Sara Esther Regalado Moriel and Adolfo Cerros Hernández, Margie Reckard, Javier Amir Rodriguez, María Eugenia Legarreta Rothe, Teresa Sanchez, and Juan de Dios Velázquez.

Dozens of survivors and families of the deceased will deliver victim impact statements in court beginning Monday afternoon. No time restrictions will be implemented. The statements are expected to be delivered through Wednesday, Apr. 23.

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