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MAN WHO KILLED TEEN IN FAR EAST EL PASO ALLEY PLEADS GUILTY TO MURDER

EL PASO, Texas (04/30/2025) – A man who was accused of shooting and killing a 16-year-old girl, leaving her body in a Far East El Paso alleyway, has pleaded guilty to her murder.

Cesar Alejandro Roa, 25, of Horizon City, TX, pleaded guilty to Murder, a first-degree felony. Roa also pleaded guilty to two charges related to the manufacturing and delivering of controlled substances. The plea hearing happened on Thursday, Apr. 17 in the 171st District Court with Judge Bonnie Rangel presiding.

On Feb. 16, 2023, El Paso Police Dept. officers were called to the 14300 block of Coyote Trail Drivel about an unattended death. The body of Jazmine Estrella Adame, 16, was found in the alley with a gunshot wound to the back of her neck. Police investigators later learned that Adame, with several friends, had come up with a plan to steal drugs from a person they met on social media. During the deal, one of the friends grabbed the drugs and they all ran off. As they ran, the drug dealer opened fire, striking Adame. One of Adame's friends who heard about the shooting went with her mother to the scene, found Adame's body, and called 911.

Through interviews with Adame's friends, and by scouring social media and residential surveillance footage, EPPD investigators identified the shooter as Roa. He was arrested on March 3, 2023.

As part of the plea agreement, Roa received 30 years in state prison for Adame's murder, and 10 years for each drug charge, which will be served concurrently. The defendant also waived all of his appellate rights.

"Ms. Adame had her whole life in front of her and she should still be here," said District Attorney James Montoya. "Drug dealing and drug trafficking are inherently dangerous activities and far too many young El Pasoans have lost their lives in robberies like this one.

"If you commit acts of violence, we will hold you accountable and you will go to prison," Montoya added.

DA Montoya also commended the investigative work of the El Paso Police Department and thanked the witnesses for cooperating in order to solve this crime.

Assistant District Attorneys Talisa Gutierrez and Jose Garcia represented the State of Texas in the prosecution of the case.

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