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# Man Arrested for Aggravated Kidnapping and Aggravated Robbery

**Date/Time:** 09/06/24 – 12:05 PM

**Location:** 8401 Gateway West (Parking Lot of Cielo Vista Mall)

**Victim 1:** 26-year-old, female, Resident of Socorro TX.

**Victim 2:** 2-year-old, female, Resident of Socorro TX.

**Offender:** Victor Hugo Escobedo, 52-year-old, Resident of El Paso TX.

**Offense 1:** Aggravated Robbery **Bond:** \$150,000

**Offense 2:** Aggravated Kidnapping with a Deadly Weapon **Bond:** \$200,000

**Offense 3:** Aggravated Kidnapping with a Deadly Weapon **Bond:** \$200,000

**Judge:** Aun

**El Paso, Texas** - On September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024 officers responded to a reported kidnapping. When officers arrived, they met with a 26-year-old female who said she had been approached by an unknown male in the parking lot of Cielo Vista Mall just after she had put her 2-year-old daughter in the rear car seat. Crimes Against Persons detectives arrived to the scene for further investigation. The victim disclosed the unknown male displayed a black and yellow handgun to the victim and told her to get in the truck. The male then forced the victim to drive to a bank and in fear for her life and the life of her daughter the victim went inside the bank and made a withdraw while the offender stayed in the vehicle with the 2-year-old victim. When the victim returned the offender then made her drive him back to the parking lot of Cielo Vista Mall. The offender took the victim's money and her phone and fled the scene. As the investigation continued, the offender was identified as 52-year-old Victor Hugo Escobedo who was later placed under arrest and booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility. The El Paso Police Department is asking the public if they have any further information on this incident to please call the non-emergency line at 915-832-4400 or to remain anonymous call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 915-566-8477 (TIPS).



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