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**NEWS
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Police Investigate a Murder On Diana

Date: 12-21-2024

Time: 11:36 PM

Location: 9435 Diana

Victim: 23-year-old Jose Rufino Melendez Central El Paso, Texas, resident
(Deceased)

EL PASO, Texas— On Saturday night at approximately 11:36 pm, police were called to 9435 Diana on reports of a shooting. When officers arrived, they located a male who had been shot. He was transported to a local hospital where, unfortunately, he died. The Crimes Against Persons unit took over the investigation. The preliminary information from the investigation revealed a physical altercation in the apartment complex's parking lot occurred between two groups of people. During the altercation, Melendez was shot when he attempted to intervene. The shooter fled the scene before the officer's arrival.

Police are asking the community if anyone has information on this murder to please get in touch with the police at 915-832-4400 or, to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at (915) 566-TIPS

Investigators continue their investigation into this homicide.

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