

ICE agent shoots, kills driver in Houston



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Police respond to the 6800 block of Canal Street, where an ICE agent was involved in a deadly shooting, on Tuesday in Houston.

Ex-jailer takes deal in death of inmate

Man avoids prison in '24 asphyxia case at Galveston jail

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A former Galveston County jailer accused of killing a man by kneeling on his neck for two minutes during a jailhouse struggle agreed last week to a plea deal that could keep him out of a jail cell.

Skyler Ray Chapman, 28, on Wednesday pleaded guilty to a charge of criminally negligent homicide, according to Galveston County court records.

As a result of a plea deal, Chapman was placed on 10 years of deferred adjudication. The outcome, which is similar to probation, means that Chapman does not have to serve a prison sentence unless he violates the terms of his supervision.

Chapman had been scheduled to go to trial later this month. If he had been found guilty, he faced a sentence of up to 10 years in prison.

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Trump argues for Greenland at summit

NATO leaders unveil billions in weapons contracts

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ANKARA, Turkey — President Donald Trump on Tuesday insisted that the United States should be in control of Greenland rather than NATO ally Denmark, renewing tensions in Europe even as the trans-Atlantic military alliance was announcing billions in arms deals at a summit in an attempt to appease the mercurial U.S. leader.

Trump called the semiautonomous island “an important part” for the United States, as he repeated the false claim that it’s surrounded by Chinese and Russian ships and said he won’t let Greenland be threatened.

“That should be controlled by the United States, not by Denmark,” Trump told reporters during a meeting with Turkish officials.

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Mexican citizen accused of trying to run over federal officer

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A U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent shot and killed a Mexican citizen in Houston’s Magnolia Park neighborhood Tuesday morning after he allegedly drove into an ICE vehicle, an agency spokesperson said.

A spokesperson for ICE said the man who was killed, identified as Lorenzo Salgado Araujo, tried evading arrest during a “targeted enforcement operation” around 6:50 a.m.

The driver refused multiple commands and tried to run over an ICE officer, prompting an officer to fire his weapon in self-defense, according to ICE.

Emergency services were “immediately contacted,” and Araujo later died at the hospital, federal officials said.

One person was taken to Ben Taub Hospital.

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Jorge Luis Gonzales, 60, and Savanna Gómez, 24, sit on the porch of their home near the scene of the shooting in the Magnolia Park neighborhood.

Hinojosa pitches \$1.5K rebate checks for Texans

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State Rep. Gina Hinojosa, the Austin Democrat running against Gov. Greg Abbott, made her first major economic pitch Tuesday, saying she would push to send a \$1,500 check to every Texas house-

hold if elected in November.

Hinojosa billed the proposal as relief for Texans struggling to make ends meet. She said she would issue a proclamation declaring affordability an emergency on her first day in office and call on lawmakers to approve pulling \$17 billion from the nearly \$27 billion in

the state’s rainy day fund to spend on the checks.

“People are struggling. People need help. It’s an emergency situation,” Hinojosa said in an interview, pointing to statistics showing the state leads the nation in bankruptcies and rates of uninsured. “My agenda is to put money in your

pocket. Texans know how to spend money better than the government. That’s our money. It’s there. It should go to Texans.”

The announcement comes as Democrats have focused on affordability in the run-up to the midterms, which are expected in November.

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Fallen deputy is remembered for serving with ‘courage and empathy’

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Montgomery County Sheriff Wesley Doolittle delivered emotional remarks Tuesday at the funeral of fallen deputy Erika Serrato, recalling the day he pinned the badge on her uniform.

“I had the honor of pinning the Montgomery County Sheriff’s Office badge on her chest,” Doolittle said. “After placing that badge on her uniform, I



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placed my hand over her heart and that badge. At that time, I couldn’t have been more proud of her. That day is a memory that will stay with me for the rest of my life.”

Doolittle and dozens of law enforcement personnel from around the region attended the services at Woodlands Church, with close to 1,000 watching the

services live-streamed by the sheriff’s office.

Serrato, 24, was a six-year veteran of the sheriff’s office. She was directing traffic at the scene of a suspected DWI crash investigation near the Woodlands Parkway exit when she was struck by a truck pulling a trailer. Serrato was standing with two marked patrol vehicles with their lights activated, according to law enforcement.

“My heart broke the moment she was struck,” Doolittle said.

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An honor guard carries the casket of Montgomery County Deputy Erika Serrato into Woodlands Church during her funeral.