



MEDIA RELEASE

TPD Investigates Homicide, Suspect in Custody

TEMPLE, TX (September 12, 2023) – The Temple Police Department has identified the deceased female as 28-year-old Yessica Diaz-Pineda of Temple.

29-year-old Yeison Bejarano-Berrios is being charged with murder and is currently being held in the Dallas County Jail.

TEMPLE, TX (September 11, 2023) – The Temple Police Department, along with several Texas law enforcement agencies, has arrested a male suspect in connection to a homicide.

On September 10, TPD officers conducted a welfare check at the Economy Inn, located in the 200 block of W Ave G, and located a female victim deceased. Hotel video showed the victim and a male suspect, check in on September 9. The video showed no one else enter the room.

An intense multi-law enforcement agency manhunt ensued. The investigation revealed the suspect, a 29-year-old Colombian National was attempting to flee the country through the Austin, and then Dallas Airports. The Temple Criminal Investigations Division worked with the Belton Police Department, Texas Rangers, Austin and Dallas Police, Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE), Transportation Security Administration (TSA) and Enforcement and Removal Operations Team (ERO), who conducted surveillance and took the suspect into custody.

Temple Detectives are enroute to Dallas to conduct a thorough interview with the suspect.

It is through the cooperative efforts of these law enforcement agencies that the suspect was safely apprehended without further danger to the public.

This case is under investigation. Anyone with information should contact the Temple Police Department at 254-298-5500 or the Bell County Crime Stoppers at 254-526- 8477, where callers can report anonymously.