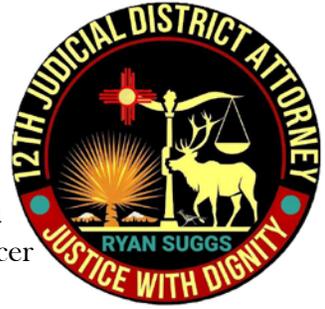




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**JURY CONVICTS REBECCA HERRERA OF VEHICULAR HOMICIDE IN TRAGIC  
DWI CRASH**

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On Wednesday, June 25, 2025, a jury in Otero County swiftly returned a guilty verdict against Rebecca Herrera, 34, of El Paso, Texas, convicting her of Vehicular Homicide while Driving While Intoxicated (DWI). The jury deliberated for just ten minutes before reaching its decision.

The conviction stems from a fatal head-on collision that occurred on March 5, 2023, at approximately 1:43 AM, when Herrera—while intoxicated—struck and killed Isaac Garcia, 21, on U.S. Highway 54 in New Mexico.

Herrera had been driving from a party on the west side of El Paso to an address on the east side when, due to her level of intoxication, she became disoriented and crossed into New Mexico. At 1:40 AM, a 911 call reported a vehicle traveling in the wrong direction near the Otero Prison Facility. Herrera was identified as the driver, heading southbound in the northbound lanes at speeds reaching 99 miles per hour.

Less than five minutes later, an Otero County Sheriff's Deputy arrived on the scene to find a catastrophic head-on collision. Herrera admitted to drinking excessively and leaving a party. New Mexico State Police (NMSP) assumed control of the investigation and recovered substantial evidence, including statements from Herrera and physical findings from the scene. She was transported to the University Medical Center in El Paso for treatment.

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Isaac Garcia, a dedicated young man and father, was en route to his job at the Otero Prison Facility. He was less than two miles from his workplace when his life was cut short. Isaac was a beloved son, brother, partner, and father—a pillar of his family and community. He is survived by his parents, Diana and Cesar Garcia; his siblings, Daisy Rosendez and Joshua Garcia; his partner, Carolina Luna; and his daughter, who was just three years old at the time of the crash.

“This crash caused a senseless and irreversible loss,” said prosecutors from the 12th Judicial District Attorney’s Office. “You drink, you drive, you lose. This tragedy should serve as a stark reminder of the devastating consequences of impaired driving.”

Following the verdict, Herrera was remanded into custody to await sentencing. She faces up to 18 years in prison.

This case was investigated by the New Mexico State Police, with support from the Otero County Sheriff’s Office and the Doña Ana County Sheriff’s Office. The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorneys Randy Summers and Taylor Weary.