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**Local Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist indicted for Murder/Tampering  
with Evidence**



On January 27, 2021, the grand jury for the 406<sup>th</sup> District Court submitted a bill of indictment against Joel Pellot for Murder (a 1<sup>st</sup> degree felony) and Tampering/Fabricate Physical Evidence w/Intent to Impair (a 3<sup>rd</sup> degree felony). Pellot is alleged to have murdered his wife Maria Eugenia Munoz on September 22, 2020.

On Tuesday, September 22, 2020, at approximately 1:32 a.m. Laredo Emergency Communications received a call from a male subject, later identified as Joel Pellot, stating that his wife was unresponsive and possibly deceased at their home on 203 Canyon Oak Dr. Mr. Pellot informed the call-taker that he had given his wife a full bottle of pills. Minutes later, he discovered that there were only two tablets remaining in said bottle. After further investigation it was confirmed that Maria E. Munoz died from a combination anesthetic drugs.