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In January 2024, a fight broke out at a parking lot near the intersection of Highland and Amarillo Blvd. During this altercation, a car of four who knew the people fighting pulled up to the scene. The driver of the car was Jorge Cabello. Both he and Isaac Botello got out of the car and approached the group that was fighting. Botello then shot at least five times, hitting brothers Jesus Pina and Everardo Leal. Botello and Cabello got back in the vehicle and fled the scene, with Cabello driving. Leal was shot once in the chest and died on scene. Pina was shot multiple times but managed to leave the scene and alert law enforcement.

In January of 2026, Isaac Botello was tried for the murder of Everardo Leal in the 181st District Court. A jury convicted him of murder and then sentenced him to 60 years in prison. For driving Botello to and from the murder, Jorge Cabello was charged with murder as a party. Cabello pled guilty to murder and was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

The 47th District Attorney's Office would like to thank the Homicide Unit of the Amarillo Police Department for their hard work and thorough investigation on this case. We are also grateful for the witnesses who were brave enough to report what they saw and also testify about it at trial. We are especially thankful for Jesus Pina and his family for their dedication to this case and to the memory of Everardo Leal. Everyone involved in this case, both victim and defendant, was very young. It is especially tragic to see such young lives end in violence and prison. District Attorney Jason Herring said, "The jury's verdict sends a strong message that violence and the loss of life will be punished severely. The safety of our community and protecting life are among our highest priorities."

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