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**For Immediate Release: Former Dallas Police Association President Pleads Guilty to Charge Connected to Fatal March 2025 Crash**

**DALLAS, TX** — Jaime Castro, a former Dallas police officer and past president of the Dallas Police Association, pleaded guilty Friday to one count of making a false statement to a police officer in connection with a fatal 2025 crash.

The charge is a Class B misdemeanor. As part of the plea agreement, Castro will surrender his peace officer license, complete DWI classes, pay a fine and serve one year of deferred probation.

The plea comes nearly one year after a crash on March 15, 2025, in northwest Dallas that killed 25-year-old Atianna Washington.

Washington, a pedestrian, was attempting to cross a dimly lit portion of the road in the 2500 block of West Northwest Highway when the crash occurred.

Castro, who was serving as president of the Dallas Police Association at the time, was listed as a passenger in the vehicle involved in the crash. The Dallas Police Association is the organization that represents rank-and-file Dallas police officers.

He was placed on administrative leave by the Dallas Police Department during an investigation into his actions at the scene of the crash. Castro, who joined the department in 1998, announced his retirement from the Dallas Police Department in January 2026.

“This guilty plea is the result of a thorough investigation by my office’s Public Integrity Unit based on the facts available to us. Per DPD policy, it appears the investigation at the scene was incomplete. The Dallas County District Attorney’s Office was not present for and took no part in the original investigation,” Dallas County Criminal District Attorney John Creuzot said.

“We are thankful to Chief Comeaux, who assumed control of the police department in the midst of this investigation. Chief Comeaux continues to work to address this incident. Were there other crimes committed or criminal liability stemming from the original offense, unfortunately, we may never know despite our exhaustive efforts to find the truth.”

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