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Zayda Y Los Culpables

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Zayda Y Los Culpables (English: Zayda and the Guilty Ones) is a Mexican **grupero** band. The group sang romantic ballads about love and loss. The song "Tiro de Gracia" (Coup de Grâce), describing a failed relationship,^[1] was one of the most popular songs from the band.^[2]

Death of Zayda Peña Arjona

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Zayda Peña Arjona (1981 – [December 1, 2007](#)) was the lead singer of Zayda y Los Culpables.

Shortly before midnight on [November 29, 2007](#), an unknown gunman shot Peña in the back at Mónaco Motel in Matamoros, Tamaulipas, across the U.S.-Mexico border from Brownsville, Texas. Two other people — a friend of Peña and a motel employee — were also shot. Both died at the scene.^[3] Paramedics took Zayda to Alfredo Pumarejo Hospital in Matamoros, where doctors determined that her injuries were not fatal. Doctors placed Peña in emergency surgery in order to remove the bullet.^[4]

The next day, several assailants entered the hospital, roaming the corridors.^[3] Once they were able to find Zayda, the assailants went in & shot her again in the chest at point blank range to ensure her death. *The Dallas Morning News* stated that the fatal bullet pierced her back,^[5] *The Independent* and *Reuters* ^[6] stated that the fatal bullet hit her face.^[2] She was 26 years old.

Her mother, Blanca Aidé Arjona, works in a public prosecutor office as of 2007.^[4]

The death of Peña, who had no known connections to traffickers or any criminal activity, and did not write or perform songs about traffickers,^[1] has instilled fear and great concern in many Mexican performers.^[2]

Discography

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All of the albums are under the **Balboa** label except *Coleccion de Oro: La Sentimental*, which is under the **Musart** label.

- *Sensible*
- *Estoy Enamorada*
- *Zayda Y los Culpables*
- *Coleccion de Oro: La Sentimental*

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