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34th and 35th Traffic Fatalities

Date and time: July 18, 2021 at approximately 3:45 am
Location: Loop 375 North at mile post 31 (Iron Medics)
Vehicle 1: 2020 Kia Rio
Driver 1: 27 –year old Jhairo Jonathan Ajtun Martinez
(transported serious injuries)

Vehicle 2: 2021 Dodge Charger
Driver 2: male (pending identification)
Passenger 2: male (pending identification)
Passenger 3: 35 –year old Luis Aneudy Velasquez
Passenger 4: 21 –year old Ruby Navarrete

EL PASO, Texas — Special Traffic Investigations officers responded to Loop 375 at Iron Medics to investigate a fatal crash. A Kia Rio driven by a 27 –year old man was traveling north on Loop 375 when he veered right and collided into the guardrail, splitting the car apart. The passenger compartment came to rest in right lane and was struck by Dodge Charger traveling at a high rate of speed. The Charger continued traveling several hundred feet onto the Iron Medics on ramp eventually crashing and catching fire. The rear passenger, 21 –year old Ruby Navarrete was ejected from the vehicle during the crash. Three, yet unidentified men stopped at the scene and removed the other rear passenger as the vehicle was on fire. Both those rear passengers were transported to an area hospital with serious injuries. Tragically, the driver and front passenger were unable to escape and were consumed by the fire. The case remains under investigation and the names of the deceased will be released after positive identification is established.



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