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**NEWS
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10/07/2021

Woman Is Killed In Semi-Truck Crash

Date/Time: 10/06/2021 @ 7:44 P.M.

Location: 14000 Gateway North @ 8700 Stateline Road

Driver 1: Teresa Briseno, 66 years of age, Northeast El Paso Resident (DECEASED)

Vehicle 1: 2009 Toyota, Camry, Silver, 4-door

Driver 2: Leonel Steve Perez-Arriaza, 36 years of age, East El Paso Resident

Vehicle 2: 2018 Freightliner, Cascadia, white (towing two trailers)

EL PASO, Texas — A woman is killed in a crash with a semi-truck in Northeast El Paso. At 7:44 P.M., Patrol Officers from the Northeast Regional Command Center responded to a crash involving a semi-truck and a car. Investigators from the Special Traffic Investigations Unit responded to assist in the crash investigation. Investigators found that 66-year-old, Teresa Briseno, was driving a 2009 Toyota east on Stateline Road approaching the intersection of Gateway North. Traffic traveling on Stateline Road has a stop sign. At that same time, 36-year old Leonel Steve Perez-Arriaza was driving a 2018 Freightliner towing two trailers Northbound on Gateway North. Briseno entered the intersection in front of the semi-truck. Perez-Arriaza managed to avoid hitting Briseno with the tractor however, Briseno continued and crashed into the first trailer. The impact caused Perez-Arriaza to lose control of the semi-truck and one of the trailers to overturn. Briseno's vehicle spun out and came to rest on the center median. Briseno was not wearing a seatbelt and died at the scene. The investigation found the main contributing factor to this crash was a failure to yield right of way on the part of Briseno. Perez-Arriaza was not injured in the crash. This is the 54th traffic fatality for 2021 as compared to 56 at this time last year.

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