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**NEWS
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11/21/2021

Wrong-Way Driver Killed On I-10

Date: 11/21/2021

Time: 04:45 am

Location: I-10 East Mile Marker 30, El Paso, Texas

Vehicle #1: 2009 Honda Accord

Driver: Luis Fernando Molina-Garcia 21 years of age, Eastside El Paso Resident
(Deceased)

Vehicle #2: 2022 Kenworth T680

Driver: Steve Lara 26 years of age, Laredo Texas Resident

Passenger: Juan A. Flores Leiba 40 years of age, Dallas Texas Resident

Vehicle #3: 2019 Utility Reefer 53' Trailer

EL PASO, Texas — This morning, officers with the Special Traffic Investigations Unit investigate a traffic fatality on the freeway. The preliminary investigation revealed Molina was driving westbound, approaching the Lomaland overpass on the eastbound lanes of Interstate 10. At the same time, Lara was operating a semi-truck and was eastbound when he observed the Accord traveling towards him. Lara attempted to move out of the way; however, he was unable to do so. As a result, both vehicles struck head-on, causing the Accord to catch fire. Fire Medical Services extinguished the fire, but unfortunately, Molina died from injuries he sustained in the crash. Driving the wrong way is a contributing factor in this collision, and alcohol is suspected. Toxicology results are pending.

This fatality is the 61st fatality this year as compared to 64 this same time last year.



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