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**NEWS
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08/09/2024

76th Traffic Fatality in El Paso

STI Investigates Fatal Hit and Run Collision

Occurrence Date: 12-16-23

Time: 1935 hours

Day: Saturday

Location: I-10 East MM #18

UPDATE:

Offender: Richard Nunez, 21-year-old, El Paso TX Resident

Offense: Collision Involving Death **BOND:** \$50,000

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Judge: Compton

On 08/05/2024 Richard Nunez was taken into custody for the above listed offenses. Nunez was subsequently booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility.

History - Vehicle 1: 2015 Ford Mustang
Driver 1: Fled Scene

Vehicle 2: 2013, Dodge Charger

Driver 2: Parked on the center median

Pedestrian #1- 38-year-old Perla Vasquez, Clint, Texas

(DECEASED)

Pedestrian #2- 19-year-old Daimien Sigala, Clint, TX (Not Injured)

Pedestrian #3- 21-year-old Saul Sigala Jr., Clint, TX (Injured)

Pedestrian #4- 15-year-old Donovan Sigala, Clint, TX (Injured)

Pedestrian #5- 15-year-old Aylin Jauregui, Clint, TX (Not injured)



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Vehicle 3: 2023 Volkswagen, Jetta
Driver 3: 17-year-old Pilar Mier, El Paso, TX
Passenger 3- 17-year-old Katherine Kimberline, El Paso, TX

Vehicle 4- 2010 Acura (Was not struck)
Driver 4- 55-year-old Aileen Ortigoza, El Paso, TX
Passenger 4- 33-year-old Marco Ortigoza, El Paso, TX

El Paso, Texas— Special Traffic Investigators (STI) are investigating a fatal hit-and-run collision at I-10 East MM #18. Preliminary investigation revealed that Vehicle 2, a Dodge Charger with a flat tire, had pulled over on the center median (out of traffic) to change the tire. One of the male pedestrians was changing the tire while the others were trying to warn oncoming traffic to slow down.

Vehicle 4 observed the pedestrians, warning traffic to slow down and slow down to make it safer for the pedestrians. This is when Vehicle 1, a Ford Mustang traveling in the same lane, swerved left and entered the center median to avoid Vehicle 4. The Mustang then struck the Charger and three pedestrians.

The Mustang then entered into traffic and struck another vehicle. The vehicle continued eastbound and became disabled on the right-hand shoulder by the Porfirio Diaz overpass. The driver fled the scene on foot, leaving the vehicle behind.

One of the pedestrians, Perla Vasquez, died on the scene, and two other pedestrians, Saul Sigala Jr. and Donovan Sigala, sustained severe leg injuries and were transported to University Medical Center. The remaining two pedestrians were not injured.

This is the 76th traffic fatality in El Paso this year compared to 71 the same time last year. Special Traffic Investigators ask anyone with information about the incident to contact the Non-Emergency number at 915-832-4400 or, to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers at 915-566-8477.

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