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## Man Arrested in City's 38th Traffic Fatality

District 4

Joe Molinar

Date: 08-04-2024 Time: 1:20 AM

**Location:** I-10 West MM 33 (Don Haskins)

**Vehicle 1:** 2020 White Chevrolet Malibu

**Driver Arrested:** Jorge Alexis Gamboa, 25-year-old, El Paso, TX Resident

Charge: Intoxication Manslaughter Judge: Joseph Bond: \$240,000.00

**EL PASO, Texas**—The Special Traffic Investigation unit of the El Paso Police Department has arrested Jorge Gamboa, the City's 38th Traffic Fatality. On August 22 of this year, Investigators obtained an arrest warrant for Gamboa after the investigation determined he was responsible for the crash. On September 3rd, he was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility with the above-listed bond.

## **History**

Vehicle 2: 2022 Silver Honda Accord

**Driver:** Sandy Almanza, 49-year-old, El Paso TX Resident (Deceased)

Vehicle 3: 2018 Red Freightliner Cascadia

**Driver:** Mustapha Saddiqi, 43-year-old, Forney TX Resident

**Vehicle 4:** 2019 White Wabash Dry Van Trailer.

El Paso, Texas – On August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 1:20 AM officers responded to a vehicle collision at I-10 West MM 33 (Don Haskins) involving 4 vehicles. The preliminary investigation revealed the Malibu and Accord were both traveling west bound on I-10. The Freightliner and trailer were stationary on the right emergency lane of I-10 West at MM 33. The driver of the Malibu and driver of the Accord attempted to go into the same lane causing a collision. As a result of the collision, both vehicles lost control and began to spin out of control. The Honda Accord struck the rear of trailer and unfortunately the driver, Sandy Almanza, suffered serious injuries and died at the scene. The investigation is ongoing.....

This is the 38<sup>th</sup> traffic fatality this year compared to 47 in 2023. Main contributing factors in this collision are speed, alcohol and unsafe lane change.

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