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**NEWS
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46th Traffic Fatality

Date: 09-22-24 **Time:** 6:31 pm

Location: 4400 Gateway East

Vehicle #1: 2013 Harley Davidson

Driver: 39-year-old Alex Cole Bustamante Santa Terresa, NM resident (**Deceased**)

Vehicle #2: 2005 Chevrolet Tahoe

Driver: 46-year-old Dominic Maldonado, Northeast El Paso, Texas, resident

Front Passenger: 22-year-old Hazel Allison Bagarin, Northeast El Paso, Texas, resident

Rear Passenger: 26-year-old Brandie Nicole Marmolejo, Northeast El Paso, Texas, resident

Rear Passenger: 4-year-old female in a car seat, Northeast El Paso, Texas, resident

Rear Passenger: 1-year-old female in a car seat, Northeast El Paso, Texas, resident

EL PASO, Texas— Special Traffic Investigations continues to investigate a motorcycle fatality that occurred this past Sunday. When investigators responded, the initial investigation revealed that Mr. Maldonado was traveling eastbound on Gateway East while Bustamante was also in the same lane behind Maldonado. Bustamante was traveling at a high rate of speed. Maldonado merged right into the next lane to avoid being hit by the motorcycle. However, his vehicle was struck in the rear left corner, causing the motorcyclist to be thrown from his bike. Bustamante was transported to a local hospital but unfortunately died. Speed on behalf of Bustamante is believed to be a contributing factor.

This is the 46th traffic fatality this year as compared to 55 at this same time last year.

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