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**NEWS
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02/03/2025

City's 4th Fatal Traffic Fatality

Date: 02-01-2025 **Time:** 10:08 PM
Location: I-10 East Mile Marker 24 (Trowbridge)

Vehicle #1: 1999 Ford Ranger

Driver: 60-year-old Juan Antonio Ortega Mission Valley El Paso Texas, resident.
(Deceased)

Vehicle #2: Semi-Tractor with white trailer.

Driver: Unknown

Vehicle #3: 2019 Toyota Carolla

Driver: 34-year-old Ruben Barraza East El Paso Texas, resident.

Front Passenger: 35-year-old Yesenia Hernandez East El Paso Texas, resident.

Rear Passenger: 13- year-old female East El Paso Texas resident.

Rear Passenger: 9- year-old male East El Paso Texas resident.

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EL PASO, Texas— On 02-01-2025, the Special Traffic Investigation unit was called to assist with a traffic crash that had resulted in a traffic fatality. The preliminary information that is known is that Mr. Ortega was traveling east on Interstate 10 near Trowbridge around 10pm when he lost control and veered to the right side of the roadway striking the curb. Mr. Ortega's vehicle landed on Gateway east in front of Mr. Barraza's vehicle causing a second impact. The second impact caused the Ranger to roll over ejecting the driver. Mr. Ortega died at the scene. Investigators continue to investigate the fatality. It is unknown if the semi-trailer made contact with the Ford Ranger while it was traveling east on I-10 prior to the Ford Ranger veered of I-10 East.



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