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1st Traffic Fatality of 2025

Date: 01/01/2025 **Time:** 3:56 am
Location: Loop 375 / Mile Marker 42 (Vista Del Sol)

Vehicle: 2014 Volkswagen Jetta
Driver: D Aundre Kahlil Malik Laffoon, 27-year-old, El Paso TX Resident
(Deceased)

Vehicle: 2023 Lexus ES 300
Driver: Jacob Allen Hardy, 40-year-old, El Paso TX Resident

Vehicle: 2019 Hyundai Santa Fe
Driver: Armando Gomez Ortega, 55-year-old, El Paso TX Resident

El Paso, Texas—On January 1st, 2025 the Special Traffic Investigation Unit responded to Loop 375 / Mile Marker 42 to a vehicle collision. The preliminary investigation revealed a Volkswagen Jetta driven by D Aundre Kahlil Malik Laffoon was traveling at a high rate of speed on Loop 375 and MM 42. The Volkswagen struck the rear of the 2023 Lexus who was also traveling on Loop 375. The driver of the Volkswagen lost control of the vehicle and it veered off the roadway resulting in the vehicle rolling over and the driver being ejected. The driver of the Hyundai Santa Fe was traveling North on Joe Battle and struck Laffoon who had previously been ejected from the initial collision.

A contributing factor in the collision is speed and pedestrian in the roadway. The investigation is ongoing....

This is the 1st traffic fatality of 2025 compared to 1 at the same time in 2024.



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