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TWO TEENS KILLED IN EARLY MORNING COLLISION

Date/Time: 12/21/07 @ 2:50 a.m.
Location: 4000 block of E. Paisano
Vehicle: Black 2001 Ford Focus
Driver: 18-year old Vicente Munoz of the 3800 Block of Leticia (deceased)
Passenger #1: 17-year old Ricardo Flores of the 3800 Block of Hueco (critical condition)
Passenger #2: 19-year old Jorge Pineda of the 2700 block of Fort Blvd (deceased)

EL PASO, TEXAS – Two teens were killed and another critically injured in an early morning single vehicle collision. The Special Traffic Investigations Unit (STI) responded to the 4000 block of E. Paisano to assist Central Patrol with a traffic fatality. The preliminary investigation revealed 18-year old Vicente Munoz drove a 2001 Ford Focus eastbound on Paisano at high rate of speed. Munoz lost control of the vehicle striking a wall and rolling. Tragically, Munoz and 19-year old Jorge Pineda, the rear passenger, died at the scene from their injuries. 17-year old Ricardo Flores, the front passenger, was taken by ambulance to Thomason Hospital where he remains in critical condition. Investigators believe speed and alcohol were factors in this collision. All three were wearing seatbelts. Investigation continues.

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