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**NEWS
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19th Traffic Fatality

Date: 04/14/2021

Time: 8:41 AM

Location: Loop 375 MM 11 Westbound / 6900 N. Desert Blvd.

Vehicle: 2007 International 550

Driver: 46 –year old Ricardo Moreno Esparza of San Elizario, Texas **(Deceased)**

Vehicle: 2020 Kenworth T370 / 2016 Great Dane Trailer

Driver: 43 –year old Jose Nava Hinostrosa of the 6100 block of N. Mesa St.

Passenger: 25 –year old Pascual Rodriguez of the 2600 block of Morehead Ave.

Vehicle: 2003 Mitsubishi Montero

Driver: 51 –year old Jorge Ramirez of the Socorro, Texas

Vehicle: 2018 Hyundai Elantra

Driver: 30 –year old Natasha Smith of Anthony, Texas

Vehicle: 2020 GMC Sierra

Driver: 20 –year old Roman Christopher Enriquez of the 200 block of Edgar Rd.

EL PASO, Texas — Special Traffic Investigators were called yesterday morning to Loop 375 and N. Desert Blvd. on a fatality involving a cement truck, tractor-trailer, and 3 passenger cars. Investigators learned 46 –year old Ricardo Moreno Esparza was traveling in an International 550 cement truck, westbound on Loop 375, approaching the 6900 block of N. Desert. Esparza was reportedly sounding his horn as he entered the intersection on a red light. The cement truck crashed into the northbound tractor-trailer driven by 43 –year old Jose Nava Hinostrosa, continued west on Loop 375, and struck the Mitsubishi Montero driven by 51 –year old Jorge Ramirez. The truck then rolled over and collided with the Hyundai Elantra operated by 30 –year old Natasha Smith. The cement-filled barrel separated from the vehicle and crashed into the GMC Sierra, being driven by 20 –year old Roman Christopher Enriquez. Esparza died on the scenes from his injuries. Ramirez and Smith suffered minor injuries and were transported to area hospitals for treatment. Investigators believe Esparza was experiencing mechanical issues with his brakes which led to the collisions. This is the 19th traffic fatality of 2021 compared to 22 this time last year.



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