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48th Traffic Fatality on Spur 601

Date: 9/18/2021

Time: 7:00 am

Location: Spur 601 West (near exit 21), El Paso, Texas

Vehicle #1: 2017 Honda Civic

Driver: 30-year old Marco Antonio Vega from the 3000 block of Jose Ortiz El Paso TX 79936

Vehicle #2: 1985 Ford F-150

Driver: Unoccupied

Vehicle #3: 2002 Toyota Tundra

Driver: 23-year old Alexis Adriana Trujillo from the 4000 block of Flory El Paso, TX 79904

Pedestrian: 74-year old Martin Telesforo Lopez from the 4000 block of Flory El Paso TX 79904 **(DECEASED)**

EL PASO, Texas — This morning at 7 AM, a three-vehicle collision occurred, claiming the life of a 74-year-old man. The Special Traffic Investigations unit from the El Paso Police Department is investigating the crash. Early investigation revealed the F-150 was traveling west on Spur 601, followed by Mrs. Trujillo in the Toyota. The F-150 driven by the decedent broke down in the lane due to unknown mechanical problems. Mrs. Trujillo pulled in front of the F-150, and Mr. Lopez exited his truck and began to tie a tow strap between both vehicles. At the same time, Mr. Vega was driving west on Spur 601 in the same lane with another car in front of him. As the car approached the trucks, the car switched lanes to avoid hitting the pick-ups. Unfortunately, Mr. Vega could not move out of the traffic lane in time, striking the rear of the F-150. Mr. Lopez died as a result of the impact. This fatality is the 48th traffic fatality this year compared to 52 at this same time last year.



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