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# First Traffic Fatality of the Year

**Date/Time:** 01/04/2022 at 9:26 PM  
**Location:** 600 Gateway North/Paisano  
**Vehicle:** 2020 Volkswagen Jetta  
**Driver:** Gutierrez, Kenneth John, 49 year old, Mission Valley El Paso, Texas resident

**El Paso, Texas** – The El Paso Police Department’s Special Traffic Investigators responded to the 600 block of Gateway North and Paisano reference a collision. The preliminary investigation has revealed the Volkswagen Jetta driven by Kenneth John Gutierrez, was traveling northbound on Gateway North when for unknown reasons, veered to the right and lost control of the vehicle. The vehicle slid sideways, collided into a metal utility pole and stopped in a parking lot. Gutierrez suffered fatal injuries and died at the scene.

This is the first traffic fatality of the year. There was 1 traffic fatality at this time last year. The investigation continues.

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