Update: 20th Traffic Fatality

Update: On Thursday, June 9th, The Medical Examiner’s Office identified the driver of the 2004 Pontiac Vibe as:

Raymond Barron, 57 years old, Central El Paso, Texas resident.

History:
Date/Time: 4/10/2022 at 5:49 AM
Location: I-10 East at Hawkins

Vehicle 1: 2020 Chevrolet Corvette
Offender 1: 24-year-old Saul Miguel Gutierrez of Horizon, Texas
Charge: Manslaughter, $750,000 bond issued by Judge E. Reyes
Charge: Accident Involving Death, $850,000 bond issued by Judge E. Reyes
Passenger: 23-year-old Javier Lechuga of El Paso, Texas

Vehicle 2: 2015 Chevrolet Tahoe
Offender 2: 19-year-old Kayla Nunez of Chaparral, New Mexico
Charge: Manslaughter, $750,000 bond issued by Judge E. Reyes
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Passenger: 16-year-old male

Vehicle 3: 2004 Pontiac Vibe
Driver 3: Male (Deceased)

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History:
El Paso, Texas – On Sunday, April 10th, The El Paso Police Department’s Special Traffic Investigators (STI) responded to I-10 East at Hawkins to investigate a fatal collision. Preliminary investigation revealed the Corvette and Tahoe were traveling eastbound on the I-10 at which time the Corvette lost control.
control and hit the center median and came to a stop. The Tahoe then struck the rear end of the 2004 Pontiac Vide causing the Pontiac to lose control, hit a cement barrier, and burst into flames. The driver of the Pontiac died due to his injuries. The Special Traffic Investigation Unit is asking anyone with information regarding this collision to contact STI at 915-212-4080 or Crime Stoppers at 915-566-8477.

This is the 20th traffic fatality compared to 17 at this time last year.

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