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**NEWS
RELEASE**

10/15/2023

Early Morning Collision

Date/Time: 10/14/2023 / 8:25 AM
Location: 700 S. Americas & 700 S. Zaragoza
Vehicle 1: 2004 Brown Nissan Armada
Driver: Carlos Alejandro Martinez, 21-year-old, Horizon TX Resident (Injured)
Passenger: Alex Bolado, 24-year-old, Horizon TX Resident (Injured)
Passenger: Isaih Dominguez, 21-year-old, El Paso TX Resident (Serious injuries)

Vehicle 2: 2008 Tan Mazda Tribute
Driver: 31-year-old Female (**Deceased**)
Passenger: 27-year-old Female (**Deceased**)
Passenger: 8-year-old Female (**Deceased**)

Vehicle 3: 2017 Blue Chevrolet Malibu
Driver: Jasmin Rodriguez, 29-year-old, Illinois Resident

Vehicle 4: 2017 Silver Toyota Tundra
Driver: Victor Arnoldo Cardenas Lorta, 31-year-old El Paso TX Resident

El Paso, Texas - Special Traffic Investigations responded to the intersection of 700 S. Americas and 700 S. Zaragoza to a vehicle collision involving multiple vehicles which resulted in several fatalities and injuries. A marked police unit observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed at Loop 375 East Bound at the Padres overpass. The officer attempted to conduct a traffic stop but the driver accelerated his speed when a traffic stop was initiated. Due to the high rate of speed from the driver of the 2004 Armada the officer disengaged the traffic stop. The fleeing vehicle exited at the Zaragoza exit then ran a red light and collided with vehicles that were at the intersection. The impact was so severe one of the vehicles caught fire while the occupants were inside of the vehicle. The driver of the fleeing vehicle attempted to leave the scene and would not comply with the officers' commands which resulted in the officer deploying his taser on the driver of the fleeing vehicle. All occupants of the fleeing vehicle suffered injuries and were transported to the hospital. The names of the deceased will not be released pending notification of one of the occupants next of kin.

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Warrants were obtained for Carlos Alejandro Martinez for 3 counts of murder totaling \$3,000,000 and for Evading Arrest / Detention Causing Death with a bond of \$500,000 signed by Judge Reyes. Martinez will be booked pending a medical release. The investigation into this tragic incident is still ongoing. Special Traffic Investigations is working diligently to gather all the necessary evidence and conduct a thorough analysis of the crash. These are the 57th, 58th and 59th traffic fatalities of this year compared to 55 at this time last year.



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