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**NEWS
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09/24/2025

44th Traffic Fatality

Date: 09-23-2025 **Time:** 4:31 PM

Location: US-54 South Mile Marker 24

Vehicle: 2024 Toyota 4-Runner

Driver: 49-year-old April Dawn Azevedo, Chaparral, NM, resident.

Front Passenger: 78-year-old Ambrose Cormack

Back Passenger: 27-year-old Danielle Nichole Gary

Pedestrian: 14-year-old Joseph Nathaniel Caraballo, Central El Paso, Texas resident. **(Deceased)**

EL PASO, Texas— On 09-23-2025 at approximately 4:50 pm, police responded to a vehicle vs pedestrian crash at US-54 Mile Marker 24 (Between Fred Willson and Spur 601). The Special Traffic Investigations unit was tasked with taking over the investigation. The preliminary investigation revealed the pedestrian was seen running west across the Northbound lanes of US-54 and crossed the center barrier. The pedestrian then ran north along the southbound lanes of US-54, where he ran into the path of a 2024 Toyota 4-Runner, which was traveling south on US-54. The driver attempted to avoid the collision, but was unable to do so. Caraballo was struck in the roadway. Multiple passersby began to render aid until he was transported to a local hospital by Fire Medical Services. At the hospital, Caraballo died from his injuries.

The main contributing factor in this collision is a pedestrian on the freeway. This is the 44th traffic fatality compared to 49 the previous year.

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