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# 11<sup>th</sup> Traffic Fatality in El Paso

**Date:** 03/14/2026

**Time:** 8:41 a.m.

**Location:** I-10 West MM26 (Hawkins)

**Vehicle #1:** 2004 Chevrolet Malibu

**Vehicle #1 Driver:** 74-year-old Sergio Miguel Gomez, resident of Central El Paso, TX **(DECEASED)**

**Vehicle #1 Passenger:** 56-year-old Sonia Estrada, resident of Central El Paso, TX

**Vehicle #2:** 2018 Subaru Crosstrek

**Vehicle #2 Driver:** 65-year-old David Schwab, resident of Heartland, TX

**Vehicle #2 Passenger:** 68-year-old Marcella Schwab, resident of Heartland, TX

**Vehicle #3:** 2018 Subaru

**Vehicle #3 Driver:** 34-year-old Reyna Patricia Puentes, resident of Central El Paso, TX

**EL PASO, Texas**—On Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, the El Paso Police Department Special Traffic Investigations unit was called following a serious three-vehicle collision that disrupted traffic on I-10 West and Gateway West. Preliminary reports indicate that Vehicle 1 (Chevrolet Malibu) exited a nearby parking lot and failed to stop, crossed all lanes of Gateway West and jumped the center median into the westbound lanes of I-10. Once on the interstate, the vehicle collided with two other westbound vehicles before coming to a rest in the roadway. The driver of Vehicle 1, Sergio Miguel Gomez, sustained life-threatening injuries and was taken to a nearby hospital. The passenger of Vehicle 1 was also taken to the hospital with injuries. Vehicle 2 driver and passenger were transported with minor injuries, and Vehicle 3 driver was not injured.

Unfortunately, on 3/26/2026, Gomez succumbed to his injuries.

This is the 11<sup>th</sup> fatality of the year compared to 16 at this time in 2025.

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