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**NEWS
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04/19/2026

City's 16th Traffic Fatality

Date: 04-18-2026 **Time:** 01:44 AM

Location: 6550 Gateway East

Vehicle#1: 2003 Mercury Mountaineer

Driver: 18-year-old Diego Campos, East El Paso, TX resident.

Front Passenger: 17-year-old Dominic Vasquez, Socorro, TX resident.

Rear Passenger: 16-year-old Jennifer Lopez, East El Paso, Texas, resident
(Deceased)

Rear Passenger: 15-year-old female, Central El Paso, Texas, resident

EL PASO, Texas— On 04-18-2026, police responded to a single-vehicle crash in the 6500 block of Gateway East around 1:44 am. Responding officers requested the assistance of the Special Traffic Investigation unit. The preliminary investigation revealed Campos was driving east on the Gateway. Around the 6500 block of the Gateway, Campos lost control of his vehicle and slid sideways into a utility pole. Lopez, a rear passenger in the vehicle, was transported to a local hospital with serious injuries; however, she died at the hospital. Special Traffic continues the investigation.

This is the 16th traffic fatality this year compared to 21 at the same time last year.

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