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**NEWS
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06/19/2026

City's 22nd Traffic Fatality Hit & Run

Date: 06-18-2026 **Time:** 11:30 PM

Location: Loop 375 South (Pelicano), El Paso, Texas

Unit #1: Dark colored vehicle

Driver: Pending Identification (**FLED SCENE**)

Unit #2: 2019 Nissan Sentra

Driver: 76-year-old Manuel Oliva Contreras, East El Paso, Texas resident (**Deceased**)

EL PASO, Texas- On June 18th, 2026, Police were called to a crash on Loop 375 South near Pelicano. When officers arrived, they located two vehicles at the crash site. The driver of Unit #1 fled the scene before police arrived. The driver of Unit #2 was transported to a local hospital. At the time, police were advised that Mr. Contreras suffered non-life-threatening injuries. However, later that morning, police were advised that Mr. Contreras had died at the hospital.

The Special Traffic Investigations unit was contacted to take over the investigation. The preliminary information indicates that the driver of unit #1 was traveling southbound on Loop 375 at a high rate of speed when the driver rear-ended the 2019 Nissan Sentra, which was also traveling southbound on Loop 375. The driver of unit one fled the scene on foot.

Investigators are asking if anyone has information about the crash or the driver of unit #1 to please contact police at 915-832-4400 or to remain anonymous, call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 915-566-tips(8477)

This is the 22nd traffic fatality this year compared to 29 this same time last year.

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