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# City's 13<sup>th</sup> Fatality On I-10 East

**Date:** 03-23-24 **Time:** 4:41 pm  
**Location:** I-10 East Mile Marker 30

**Vehicle #1:** 2014 Volkswagen Passat

**Driver:** 19-year-old Hector Duarte, resident of North East El Paso, TX

**Passenger:** 19-year-old Patricia Garcia, resident of North East El Paso, TX

**Vehicle #2:** 2014 Hyundai Veloster

**Driver:** 39-year-old Debby Pion, resident of West El Paso, TX

**Vehicle #3:** 2020 Volvo Truck Tractor with 2019 Transcraft Trailer

**Driver:** 40-year-old Alfred Whippy, resident of Portland, Oregon

**Vehicle #4:** 2016 Dodge Caravan

**Driver:** 46-year-old Steve Carmona, resident of Mission Valley El Paso, Texas (**Deceased**)

**Vehicle #5:** 2010 Dodge Ram

**Driver:** 32-year-old Danny Ordonez, resident of Mission Valley El Paso, Texas

**Vehicle #6:** 2020 Kia Optima

**Driver:** 30-year-old Dorian Desiree Natividad, resident of East El Paso, Texas

**Passenger:** 5-year-old female child, resident of East El Paso, Texas

**Vehicle #7:** 2023 Honda Civic

**Driver:** 22-year-old Jazmin Melendez, resident of East El Paso, Texas

**El Paso, Texas**— The Special Traffic Investigations unit continues to investigate a multi-vehicle pile-up that occurred this past Saturday. The preliminary information is all vehicles were traveling east on I-10 near mile marker 30 when the driver of the Dodge Ram hit his brakes due to congestion up ahead. Duarte, who was behind the Ram, changed lanes to avoid hitting the Ram; however, he struck a Hyundai Veloster in the next lane over. As a result of being hit, the Hyundai also struck a Dodge Ram and a Semi truck, causing the semi to blow out its front tire. This caused the semi to jackknife and lose its load. This caused another chain reaction of crashes. During the crash, the driver of the Dodge Caravan was ejected, and contents from the semi's load killed the Dodge Caravan driver. No other serious injuries were reported at the scene. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> traffic fatality this year compared to 16 in 2023.

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