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**NEWS
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9th Traffic Fatality

Date: 02-04-2024 **Time:** 7:59 pm
Location: 2100 N. Zaragoza

Vehicle 1: 2007 Chrysler 300
Driver: 47-year-old Claudia Escobar, resident of Mission Valley El Paso, TX
(Deceased)

Vehicle 2: 2020 Toyota Rav4
Driver: 52-year-old Luis Vasquez, resident of West El Paso, TX
Passenger: 26-year-old Daphne Gutierrez

Vehicle 3: 2009 Ford Focus
Driver: 20-year-old Genesis Ramirez, resident of East El Paso, TX

El Paso, Texas— On February 4th, police responded to the 2100 block of Zaragoza to investigate a three-vehicle crash. The initial investigation revealed Escobar was traveling toward Sunfire on Zaragoza when she rear-ended the Toyota Rav4 and Ford Focus, which was stopped at the intersection of Zaragoza and Sunfire for a red light. Escobar was transported to a local hospital with severe injuries at that time. No other injuries were reported at the time of the crash.

On 02-12-2024, the Special Traffic Investigations unit was notified Mrs. Escobar had died from her injuries. STI is now investigating the case. The contributing factor in this crash is alcohol on the part of Mrs. Escobar. This is the 9th traffic fatality this year compared to 12 in 2023.

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