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# Motorcyclist is City's 29<sup>th</sup> Fatality

**Date:** 05-31-2024

**Time:** 11:58 pm

**Location:** I-10 West Mile Marker 22 (Copia Exit)

**Vehicle #1:** 2012 Yamaha YZFR6

**Driver:** 43-year-old Ramon Espinoza Torres, resident of Anthony, Texas (Deceased)

**Vehicle #2:** 2014 Chevrolet Malibu

**Driver:** 55-year-old Emerald Mae Perez, resident of Canutillo, Texas

**Passenger:** 38-year-old Elsa Alaniz, resident of Northeast El Paso, Texas

**El Paso, Texas**— The Special Traffic Investigations unit continues to investigate a motorcycle fatality that occurred late Friday. The initial investigation revealed Torres was traveling westbound at a high rate of speed, swerving in and out of traffic. As traffic slowed, Torres attempted to avoid rear-ending a semi-truck; however, this evasive maneuver caused Torres to lose control of the motorcycle. Torres went down with the bike, causing him and the motorcycle to slide across the Interstate. Both Torres and the motorcycle struck a guardrail. After hitting the guardrail, the bike slid back into the traffic lanes. Mrs. Perez was driving west on I-10 and could not avoid the motorcycle as it slid back into her lane. Mrs. Perez and her passenger were uninjured. Torres died at the scene. Speed, on Torres' behalf, is a contributing factor to this collision.

This is the 29<sup>th</sup> traffic fatality this year compared to 30 at this same time in 2023.

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