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NEWS RELEASE

Police Investigate Single Vehicle Fatality

Date: Thursday, January 31, 2019 @ 1:16 P.M.
Location: I-10 East Mile Marker 13 (Sunland Park)
Driver: 19 – year old Damian Renee Franco of Canutillo, TX (**DECEASED**)
Vehicle: gray 2009 Dodge 1500

EL PASO, Texas – The El Paso Police Department’s Special Traffic Investigations (STI) unit responded to assist Westside Regional Command Center officers with a single vehicle collision Thursday afternoon. The preliminary investigation revealed that 19-year old Damian Renee Franco was operating a gray 2009 Dodge 1500 east on I-10 by Sunland Park (MM 13). Damian Franco swerved to the left and struck the center cable dividers, continued left across the center dirt median and struck the inside westbound guardrail. This caused the Dodge to go airborne and roll over. Mr. Franco was ejected from the vehicle and came to rest on the westbound lanes of I-10. He was transported to University Medical Center where he later died. STI has identified driver inattention as a contributing factor in this fatality collision.

This is the 4th traffic fatality of 2019 compared to 8 during this same time period in 2018. EPPD recorded 70 traffic fatalities in 2018.

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