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FRIDAY EVENING'S COLLISION IS EL PASO'S 2ND FATALITY OF 2008

Date/Time: 01/11/08 @ 6:20 p.m.
Location: 50 Walter Jones @ Spur
Vehicle 1: Blue 1999 Yamaha R-1, Buyer License Plate
Driver: 27-year old Garfield Green of the 14100 block of Tierra Halcon (deceased)
Vehicle 2: 1996 Volvo Semi-Tractor, White with a White Semi-trailer attached
Driver: 58 year old Juan Castro of the 1700 block of Millgate

EL PASO, TEXAS – A motorcyclist dies in a Friday evening collision with a Tractor/Trailer. Investigators with the Special Traffic Investigations Unit (STI) responded to 50 Walter Jones at Spur to assist Pebble Hills Patrol with a fatal traffic collision that occurred at 6:20 p.m. Friday. The investigation revealed that Juan Castro was driving a 1996 Volvo Semi-Tractor/Trailer west on Walter Jones turning south onto Spur. At the same time Garfield Green was traveling east on Walter Jones approaching the intersection with Spur. Mr. Green and his 1999 Yamaha R-1 (motorcycle) struck the semi-tractor at the right rear tire. Mr. Green died of injuries he sustained in the collision at the scene. Investigators do believe that speed on the part of Green is a factor in this 2nd fatal collision of 2008. Mr. Green was wearing a full face helmet at the time of the collision. No charges are pending at this time. This investigation continues. This is the 2nd fatality of 2008 as compared to 2 at this same time last year.

NOTE:

El Paso recorded 58 traffic fatalities in 2007 and 47 in 2006.

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