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### NEWS RELEASE

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### CHRISTMAS EVE COLLISION IS 54<sup>TH</sup> FATALITY OF 2007

Date/Time: 12/24/07 @ 7:12 p.m.  
Location: I – 10 East Mile Post 24  
Vehicle 1: 2003 Silver Pontiac Grand AM  
Vehicle 2: 2001 Red Ford Escape  
Vehicle 3: 2005 Blue International Tractor Trailer  
Pedestrian: 50 year old Alejandro Ortiz, 2500 block of Gold, El Paso, Tx (deceased)

EL PASO, TEXAS – A fifty-year old man was killed in a late evening collision Monday. The Special Traffic Investigations Unit (STI) responded to I-10 East at Mile Post 24 to assist Officers from the Central Patrol with a pedestrian traffic fatality. The preliminary investigation revealed a 50-year old Alejandro Ortiz was a passenger in a vehicle that had been involved in a single vehicle collision on I-10 West. The operator of that vehicle fled across I-10 East away from the collision. Mr. Ortiz also attempted to flee across I-10 East away from the scene of the collision. As Ortiz attempted to cross I-10 East he was then struck at separate times by three separate vehicles that were traveling eastbound on I-10 East. Investigators believe that speed and alcohol are not factors in this collision. This is the 54<sup>th</sup> traffic fatality of 2007 as compared to 46 at this same time last year. No charges have been filed at this time. Investigation continues.

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