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DATE 5/13/2018

NEWS RELEASE

Motorcycle Fatality On Loop 375

Date: 5/13/2018

Time: 2:52 AM

Location: Loop 375 South at Mile Post 35

Deceased: 20-year old, Eric James Merwin, Fort Bliss Texas

Vehicle: 2003 Yamaha motorcycle

EL PASO, TEXAS: On May 13, 2018 Investigators with the Special Traffic Investigators were called to assist The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) with a fatal traffic collision. A DPS trooper was attempting to stop a 20- year old male driving a 2003 Yamaha on Loop 375 for a traffic infraction. The male driver refused to stop and fled from the DPS Trooper. Preliminary investigation revealed that on Loop 375 South at mile post 35 the male driver of the motorcycle lost control of his vehicle and struck the guardrail. The driver was dislodged from the motorcycle after hitting the guardrail. The driver suffered fatal injuries as a result of the collision and died at the scene. This is the 16th fatality this year compared to 17 at this time last year. The identity of the deceased is being withheld until next of kin can be notified.

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