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NEWS RELEASE

Update: 61st Traffic Fatality

Date: 11/24/2018

Arrested: 24-year old, Joel Velazquez, of the 400 block of South Tays, El Paso Texas

EL PASO, TEXAS: Officers with the El Paso Police Department's Special Traffic Investigators Unit (STI) have made an arrest for the hit and run collision that occurred at Mesa and Cincinnati on November 22nd. STI has arrested and charged 24-year old Joel Velazquez with Accident Involving Death for the hit and run death of Amanda Weyant (Ferguson). Velazquez was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility with a bond of \$150,000.

History:

61st Traffic Fatality

Date: November 22, 2018 at 1:45 a.m.

Location: Mesa and Cincinnati

Pedestrian: 28 -year old Amanda Weyant

Vehicle: 1996 Chevrolet Cavalier, red in color

EL PASO, Texas – Special Traffic Investigations (STI) officers responded to Mesa and Cincinnati to assist with the investigation of a fatal hit and run collision. The preliminary investigation revealed that 28 -year old Amanda Weyant was crossing Mesa st at the crosswalk at the intersection of Cincinnati when she was struck by a red Cavalier that ran the red light. Ms. Weyant died at the scene. The driver of the Cavalier fled the scene in the vehicle that was later found abandoned at the 1300 block of Cincinnati. Anyone who may have information about this crash, or the driver is asked to call STI at (915) 212-4080 or Crime Stoppers at (915) 566-TIPS (8477)

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