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El Paso, Texas

## 43<sup>rd</sup> Traffic Fatality

Date: July 2, 2020

Time: 9:49 p.m.

Location: Loop 375 East MM 48

Vehicle 1: 2014 Chevrolet Malibu

Driver: 54 –year old Elisa Triste of Clint, TX (**Deceased**)

Vehicle 2: 2010 Freightliner Cascadia

Driver: 19 –year old Jose Luis Geronimo Neri of Cd Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico

Vehicle 3: 2001 Trailmobile 53 ft. trailer (towed vehicle)

Special Traffic Investigators were called last Thursday night to assist Mission Valley Regional Command officers with a serious traffic accident which led to a five hour complete road closure. The initial investigation revealed 19 –year old Jose Luis Geronimo Neri was operating the 2010 Freightliner Cascadia, towing the 53 ft. trailer. Neri was at a complete stop due to traffic back up on Loop 375 eastbound, approaching the Zaragoza exit. 54 –year old Elisa Triste, also traveling eastbound in a 2014 Chevrolet Malibu, weaved into Neri’s lane, colliding into vehicles 2 and 3. Triste suffered severe injuries and died at the scene. Witnesses reported Triste was traveling at a high rate of speed and weaving in and out of traffic when the collision occurred. Investigators believe driver inattention, speed and alcohol are all contributing factors.

This is the 43<sup>rd</sup> collision of 2020 compared to 32 this time last year.

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