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## 20<sup>th</sup> Traffic Fatality

Date: 04/22/2021

Time: 2:33 AM

Location: 12300 Montana Ave.

Vehicle: 2020 Nissan Frontier

Driver: 25 –year old Alexis Antonio Pinales of the 200 block of Gus Moran St.

Vehicle: 2014 International Prostar / 2007 CIMC Intermodal (tractor-trailer)

Driver: 34 –year old Juan Luis Hernandez of the 5600 block of Mickey Mantle Ave.

EL PASO, Texas — Special Traffic Investigations was called yesterday in the early morning hours to assist Pebble Hills officers on a 2-vehicle collision involving a fatality. Investigators learned 34 –year old Juan Luis Hernandez was westbound at the 12300 block of Montana Ave. Hernandez began to decelerate as he approached a red light at the intersection of Montana and Justice. 25 –year old Alexis Antonio Pinales was also traveling west, behind the tractor-trailer driven by Hernandez. Pinales was reportedly driving at a high rate of speed and failed to slow, crashing into the rear of the trailer. The Nissan Frontier driven by Pinales caught on fire as a result of the collision. Hernandez and other motorists came to Pinales' aid, attempting to extinguish the fire and extract him from the burning vehicle. Pinales was transported to Del Sol Medical Center but did not survive. Investigators believe speed is the main contributing factor in this collision. Pinales was also not wearing a seatbelt. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> traffic fatality of 2021 compared to 24 this time last year.



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