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**NEWS
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21st Traffic Fatality

Date: 05/02/2021

Time: 10:52 AM

Location: 7400 N. Mesa St.

Vehicle: 2016 Freightliner Cascadia 125 / 2011 Hyundai Trailer

Driver: 61 –year old Joel Ramirez of the 5400 block of Thornridge Cir.

Deceased: 59 –year old Carlos Olague of Socorro, Texas

EL PASO, Texas — Special Traffic Investigators responded to 7400 N. Mesa St. yesterday morning on the city’s latest traffic fatality. Investigators learned 61 –year old Joel Ramirez was operating a tractor-trailer, attempting to turn west on Mesa out of a business parking lot. Ramirez had failed to lift the landing gear from the trailer before leaving the business and became stuck on the sidewalk as he exited, blocking the southbound lanes of Mesa. AD Towing and Recovery driver, 59 –year old Carlos Olague, responded to the scene to assist in removing the vehicle. As Olague worked to dislodge the vehicle, he and Ramirez had a miscommunication leading to Ramirez pulling the vehicle forward while Olague was between the rear axles. Olague’s right leg was run over by the vehicle, causing serious injuries. Olague was transported to University Medical Center where he succumbed to his injuries. This is the 21st traffic fatality of 2021 compared to 24 this time last year.



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