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**NEWS
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Driver Seriously Injured in Crash

Date: 07/05/2021

Time: 5:08 AM

Location: I-10 West MM 6 (Trans Mountain Rd)

Vehicle: 2019 Freightliner Truck

Driver: 70 –year old Hector Enrique Canales of the 8600 block of Lupeleness Way

Vehicle: 2013 Jeep Wrangler

Driver: 22 –year old Abel Isaac Ortiz of Anthony, Texas

EL PASO, Texas — Special Traffic Investigators continue their investigation into yesterday's early morning collision that caused a 6 –hour road closure and left a man in critical condition. Officers learned 22 –year old Abel Isaac Ortiz was traveling in the left lane of I-10 west, reportedly at a high rate of speed, following 70 –year old Hector Enrique Canales. Ortiz's Jeep Wrangler crashed into the right rear of the Freightliner truck tractor driven by Canales. Ortiz lost control of his vehicle, rolled over and came to rest on a dirt embankment off the interstate. Ortiz was ejected from the vehicle and suffered life-threatening head injuries as a result. He was transported to University Medical Center where he is listed in critical condition. Canales was not injured. Investigators believe failure to control speed is a contributing factor in the crash.



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