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# Update: 37<sup>th</sup> Traffic Fatality

**Update:** On Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, the Special Traffic Investigations Unit (STI) arrested the driver involved in this traffic fatality. STI’s investigation and an anonymous tip through Crime Stoppers led to the arrest of:

**Offender:** Christopher Perez, 20 years old, Northeast El Paso, Texas resident  
**Charge:** Accident Involving Death, \$150,000 bond issued by Judge Priddy

**History:**

**Date/Time:** 6/18/2022 at 10:05 PM

**Location:** 9500 McCombs

**Vehicle:** 2004 to 2014 Maroon Mitsubishi Galant, four-door

**Driver:** Unknown

**Pedestrian:** Cecil Blesh O’neal III, 48 years old, Northeast El Paso, Texas resident  
**(Deceased)**

**El Paso, Texas** – The El Paso Police Department’s Special Traffic Investigations Unit is investigating a traffic fatality that occurred at the 9500 Block of McCombs. The investigation revealed the pedestrian, Cecil Blesh O’neal III, was crossing the road when he was struck in the southbound lanes by a four-door car. The car is a 2004 to 2014 Maroon Mitsubishi Galant, with damage to the front right corner and missing the right side mirror. O’neal was not walking at a crosswalk and the area was dark. Video surveillance shows the car traveling at a high rate of speed when it struck O’neal, the car was last seen traveling southbound on McCombs. The main contributing factors in this crash are the pedestrian crossing at an undesignated and dark area and the car’s high rate of speed.

This is the 37th traffic fatality of the year compared to 30 at the same time period last year.

Investigators ask for the public’s assistance in finding the driver involved. Anyone with information on this case should call the El Paso Police at (915)832-4400, or to remain anonymous and qualify for a cash reward, you can call Crime Stoppers of El Paso at (915)566-8477(TIPS).

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