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7th Traffic Fatality of 2023

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Date/Time: 01/15/2023 @0156 hrs.
Location: 6700 block of El Paso Drive

Vehicle 1: 2001 Red Honda CRV
Driver 1: 59-year-old Gabriel Gonzalez Rangel, Mission Valley Resident, El Paso TX. (deceased)

El Paso, Texas –The Special Traffic Investigators Unit (STI) is investigating a fatal collision at the 6700 block of El Paso Dr. Preliminary investigations have revealed that Vehicle 1 was traveling eastbound when the driver could not negotiate a sharp curve. No tire marks were found before the point of impact, indicating that the vehicle drove straight into the guard rail and concrete barrier located on the north side of the road.

The driver was not wearing a seatbelt, so he was partially ejected when Vehicle 1 struck the guard rail. The vehicle was then redirected into lanes of traffic. Unfortunately, it collided with a rock wall in front of a residence at the 6700 block of El Paso Dr., resulting in the driver's death due to injuries sustained during the accident.

The leading factor is believed to be an inability to negotiate the curve, and lack of seatbelt use is also a contributing factor to this collision. This incident marks the 7th traffic fatality in 2023 compared to two last year.

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