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**NEWS
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18th Traffic Fatality

Date/Time: 03-29-23 / 7:51 PM

Location: I-10 East MP #20

Vehicle 1: 2020 Chevy Silverado

Driver 1: Francisco Javier Velez, 54-year-old, El Paso TX Resident

Vehicle 2: 2013 Smart Fortwo

Driver 2: Heidi Baca, 28-year-old, El Paso TX Resident

Pedestrian: Hispanic Male, pending identification (**DECEASED**)

El Paso, Texas - Special Traffic Investigators responded to a collision involving two vehicles and pedestrian at I-10 East MP #20. The preliminary investigation revealed the pedestrian was attempting to cross I-10 when he was struck by Vehicle 1 and Vehicle 2. Both drivers were unable to avoid the pedestrian. The pedestrian unfortunately succumbed to his injuries. The main contributing factor of this collision is pedestrian crossing a freeway.

This is the 18th traffic fatality compared to 17 at this time in 2022.



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