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15th Fatal In West El Paso

Date: 03-16-23 **Time:** 11:10 PM

Location: 7400 N. Mesa

Vehicle #1: 2006 Jeep Laredo

Driver #1: 54- year-old Jesus Joaquin Rios, resident of West El Paso, TX

Pedestrian: Hispanic Male John Doe pending identification (**Deceased**)

El Paso, Texas— The Special Traffic Investigations unit is currently looking into a pedestrian fatality that happened late last night. The initial investigation revealed the unknown pedestrian who was hit was crossing the eastbound lanes of the 7400 block of North Mesa. The pedestrian was crossing the street from south to north in an area not designated for crossing. The driver, identified as Rios, was heading east on N. Mesa and did not see the person despite attempting to avoid hitting the pedestrian. Rios remained at the scene and assisted while the police were called. Unfortunately, the Hispanic male who was struck later died at a nearby hospital. This fatality is the 15th traffic fatality this year, compared to 16 at the same time last year.

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