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East El Paso Crash: Man Killed and Woman Arrested

Date/Time: 05/21/2023 @ 02:53 A.M.
Location: 3300 Joe Battle @ 121000 Edgemere
Vehicle 1: 2020 Jeep Wrangler, Black
Driver: Valeria Mena, 24 years of age, East El Paso (**ARRESTED**)
Vehicle 2: 2010 Honda Accord Crosstour, White
Driver: Destiny Anastasia Richardson, 24 year of age, Northeast El Paso
Passenger: Steven Anthony Hernandez, 28 years of age, East El Paso (**DECEASED**)

El Paso, Texas – A man was killed and a woman was arrested after a crash on Sunday morning in East El Paso. On Sunday, May 20, 2023, at 2:53 A.M. El Paso Police Officers and Fire Medical Personnel responded to a serious crash involving two vehicles at Joe Battle and Edgemere. The Officers found that the passenger of a 2010 Honda Accord had been killed in the crash.

Investigators from the Special Traffic Investigations Unit responded to assist in the investigation. The investigation revealed that the Honda Accord was traveling east on Edgemere and entered the intersection of Joe Battle. At that time 24-year-old Valeria Mena was driving a 2020 Jeep Wrangler north on Joe Battle. Mena entered the intersection at a red light striking the passenger side of the Honda.

Mena was found to be intoxicated and was charged with Intoxicated Manslaughter and booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility. Judge Nunez issued a \$76,000 Split bond. This is the 23rd Traffic Fatality of 2023 as compared to 28 at the same time in 2022.

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