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30th Traffic Fatality

Date/Time: June 3, 2023

Location: I-10 West and Reynolds

Unit 1 Vehicle: 2011 Chevy Traverse

Unit 1 Driver: 58-year-old Maria Del Carmen Chapmen, El Paso, TX Resident

Unit 2 Vehicle: 2013 Chevy Silverado

Unit 2 Driver: 44-year-old, Pablo Santillan Salazar, El Paso, TX Resident

Pedestrian: 29-year-old, Hispanic Male, El Paso, TX Resident **(DECEASED)**

El Paso, Texas – The El Paso Police Departments Special Traffic Investigators Unit (STI) is investigating a Fatal Pedestrian Accident on I-10 West.

STI is investigating a fatal pedestrian accident at I-10 West Mile Marker #23 (Reynolds). According to preliminary investigations, the pedestrian had been involved in a separate single-vehicle collision before the incident. It was reported that the pedestrian was operating a 2012 Dodge Ram westbound on I-10 Mile Marker 23 and struck the center median concrete barrier multiple times before coming to rest on the right-hand shoulder.

Witnesses reported that the pedestrian and front passenger exited the vehicle and began to argue. The pedestrian attempted to attack the front passenger and subsequently lost his balance, falling backward into oncoming traffic. The pedestrian was struck by at least two vehicles and died on the scene. The front passenger left the scene.

Alcohol and pedestrians in the roadway are believed to have contributed to the incident.

The UNIT #1 Driver and UNIT #2 Driver, who was involved in the second collision, were uninjured. The pedestrian has been tentatively identified, and Special Traffic Investigations is awaiting positive identification from the Medical Examiner's Office.

Special Traffic Investigations urges anyone with information about the incident to come forward. This is the 30th fatality this year compared to 29 last year.

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