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NEWS RELEASE

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City's 40th Traffic Fatality 9600 Carl Longuemare

Date: 07-10-2023 **Time:** 9:46 PM

Vehicle #1: 2019 Toyota Tacoma

Driver: 30-year-old Jose Guadalupe Rodriguez, resident of San Elizario TX

(Deceased)

El Paso, Texas—Special Traffic Investigations continue to investigate a single-vehicle collision at the 9600 block of Carl Longuemare. According to preliminary investigations, a citizen walking along the canal next to Longuemare noticed an overturned vehicle around 08:00 am. The citizen alerted authorities to the accident.

The Investigation of the area revealed that on 07/10/2023 at approximately 9:46 pm, Rodriguez was traveling east on Longuemare at a high rate of speed when he lost control. The vehicle veered off the road onto the dirt embankment and rolled approximately 10 feet into the canal. As this occurred, Rodriguez was ejected from the car. Given the location of the vehicle and driver in the ditch, it was difficult for anyone traveling along Longuemare to notice that an accident had taken place.

Investigations believe the main contributing factor to this fatality was speed, A wet roadway and the driver's lack of wearing a seatbelt may also be contributing factors. This crash is the 40th traffic fatality of 2023 compared to 39 at this same time last year.