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NEWS RELEASE

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## 38<sup>th</sup> Traffic Fatality

 Date/Time:
 07/01/2023 / 4:18 AM

 Location:
 Loop 375 / MM 42 (Pellicano Exit)

- Vehicle 1: 2002 White Chevrolet Astro Van
- Driver 1: Joseph Isaac Ayala, 37-year-old, El Paso TX Resident (DECEASED)
- Vehicle 2: 2015 Silver Honda Accord
- Driver 2: Victoria Marquez, 32-year-old, El Paso TX Resident
- Vehicle 3: 2019 Silver Nissan Titan
- Driver 3: Alfredo Villarreal, 32-year-old, El Paso TX Resident

**El Paso, Texas** - Special Traffic Investigators responded to a collision involving 3 vehicles at Loop 375 and MM 42 (Pellicano Exit). The preliminary investigation revealed Marquez who was operating the Honda was struck from behind by the Astro Van operated by Ayala. After the Astro Van struck the Accord the Astro Van spun and ended up facing the wrong way. At that time Villarreal who was operating a Nissan Titan was unable to avoid colliding head on with the Astro Van. All 3 drivers were transported to the hospital but unfortunately Ayala succumbed to his injuries. The investigation continues....

The main contributing factor of this fatality is speed and alcohol. This is the 38<sup>th</sup> traffic fatality compared to 38 at this time last year.

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