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**NEWS RELEASE**  44<sup>th</sup> Traffic Fatality

Joe Molinar

07/23/2023

**Date/Time:** 07/22/2023 / 7:37 PM Location: 4800 North Desert

Vehicle 1: 2011 Gray Mercedes Benz C300

Jorge Salinas Escajeda, 50-year-old, El Paso TX Resident Driver 1:

(Injured)

Vehicle 2: 2011 Black Hyundai Sonata

Paul Razo, 73-year-old, El Paso TX Resident (Injured) Driver 2:

Passenger: Alva Aida Razo, 72-year-old, El Paso TX Resident (Deceased)

Vehicle 3: 2023 Red Hyundai Elantra

Driver 3: David Isaiah Prieto, 25-year-old, El Paso TX Resident (Injured)

Vehicle 4: 1997 Silver Ford F150

Driver 4: Dominique Isaiah Beck, 26-year-old, El Paso TX Resident

**El Paso, Texas** - Special Traffic Investigators responded to a collision involving 4 vehicles at the 4800 Block of North Desert. The preliminary investigation revealed Vehicle 2, 3 and 4 were all at a complete stop at a red light at the intersection of 4800 North Desert and 7600 N. Mesa waiting for a green light. At the same time, Escaieda who was operating a Mercedes Benz at a high rate of speed approached, never slowed down and collided at full speed into the rear of the Hyundai Sonata being operated by Paul Razo. Alva Aida Razo was transported to the hospital however succumbed to her injuries. A warrant was obtained for Escajeda for Intoxication Manslaughter with a bond of \$1.2 million dollars signed by Judge Grandberg. Investigation continues...

The main contributing factor of this fatality is speed and alcohol. This is the 44<sup>th</sup> traffic fatality compared to 43 at this time last year.

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