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

Date: 08/16/23

Time: 12:57 AM

Location: US54 MM 21C (Montana)

Vehicle: 1987 black Ford Ranger

Driver: 47-year-old Fernando Moreno, El Paso, TX Resident (**Deceased**)

**El Paso, Texas**—August 16, 2023, The Special Traffic Investigators (STI) with The El Paso Police Department are investigating a fatal single-vehicle rollover collision on US54 South and Montana. This is the 50th traffic fatality reported in our city this year, compared to 46 in 2022.

Preliminary investigation revealed that the vehicle involved was traveling at a high rate of speed southbound in the #6 lane. The driver reportedly lost control, veered left across three lanes, and subsequently traveled over the left curb and the gravel median. The vehicle then rolled over, during which the driver was ejected.

Tragically, the driver suffered severe injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. He was found on the southbound left shoulder while his vehicle came to rest on the northbound left shoulder.

Witnesses indicate that the vehicle had been traveling at a high rate of speed before the accident. Speed and the lack of seatbelt usage are the primary contributing factors to this fatal collision.

As we continue investigating this tragic incident, we urge all residents to drive responsibly, obey speed limits, and always wear seatbelts. The El Paso Police Department remains committed to ensuring the safety of our roads and reducing the number of traffic fatalities in our community.

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