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12/20/2023

31-Year-Old Charged with Intoxication Manslaughter

Date: 12-16-2023 Time: 02:55 am Location: I-10 East Mile Marker 16

Vehicle #1: 2017 Nissan Versa Driver: 31-year-old Martin Medina, resident of Chaparral, NM Charge: Intoxication Manslaughter Judge: Acosta Bond: \$100,000 and 10,000 PR Bond

Passenger: 31-year-old Alexander Ortiz, resident of Chaparral, NM (Deceased)

Vehicle #2: 2020 Freightliner Glider Coronado Driver: 54-year-old Haroon Ershad Khan, resident of Mclean, VA

Vehicle #3: 2023 Utility Reefer Trailer

El Paso, Texas— The El Paso Police Department's Special Traffic Investigations unit is investigating a crash on I-10 East near Mile Marker #16. The preliminary investigation indicates that a fatal collision occurred as a result of a chain reaction involving three vehicles.

Earlier, the roadway had been closed due to a separate fatal collision at I-10 East MM 18, prompting the semi-truck to park on the right emergency lane of I-10 East. Around mile marker 16, Medina, for unknown reasons, veered to the right and collided with the left rear corner of the Semi-trailer.

The impact was severe enough to cause the right side and roof of the Nissan Versa to detach. Ortiz, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was ejected from the vehicle. Medina, who was also not wearing a seatbelt, remained inside the car following the crash.

Officers met with Medina and determined he was intoxicated. Medina will be charged with Intoxication Manslaughter.

This incident marks the 77th fatality this year, compared to 71 at the same time last year.

