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**NEWS
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07/02/2025

31st Traffic Fatality

Date: 07-01-2025 **Time:** 09:07 PM

Location: 2500 N. Mesa / 200 Robinson

Vehicle #1: 2020 Buick Encore

Driver: 29-year-old Samara Ortega, Mission Valley, El Paso, Texas resident.

Vehicle #2: 2016 Kymco K Pipe motorcycle

Driver: 24-year-old Cody Arthur McCuan, West, El Paso, Texas resident.

(Deceased)

EL PASO, Texas— On July 1, 2025, the Special Traffic Investigations unit was called out to the 2500 block of North Mesa to assist in a traffic crash investigation. The preliminary investigation revealed that Mrs. Ortega exited a private drive and approached the intersection of Robinson and N. Mesa. Ortega pulled out into Mesa and was t-boned by McCuan, who was traveling northbound on Mesa. The driver of unit #1 was unharmed in the crash. McCuan was transported to a local hospital, but unfortunately, died in the hospital.

Failure to yield the right-of-way at a stop sign on behalf of Ortega may be a contributing factor. Speed may be a contributing factor on McCuan's behalf.

This is the 31st traffic fatality this year compared to 32 this same time last year.

The Special Traffic Investigations unit continues its investigation.

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