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## STI Responds to I-10 East and the Downtown Exit

**Date/Time:** 04/05/2026 – 7:57 PM  
**Location:** I/10 East MM 19 (Downtown Exit)  
**Vehicle:** 2016 Kia Soul  
**Driver:** Juan Manuel Martinez Herrera, 81-year-old  
TX Resident  
**Pedestrian:** Female, approximate age of 30  
(Deceased)

On April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026 the Special Traffic Investigation Unit responded to a collision involving a pedestrian at I/10 East - downtown exit. The preliminary investigation revealed the pedestrian was traveling from North to South on I-10. At the same time a Kia Soul was traveling on I-10 and struck the pedestrian. The pedestrian was transported to the hospital however succumbed to the injuries sustained in the collision.

A contributing factor in this collision is the pedestrian on the highway. This is the 14<sup>th</sup> traffic fatality of 2026 compared to 19 the same time last year. The investigation continues....

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