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DATE 3/21/2016

NEWS RELEASE

Update Traffic Collision Seriously Injures Motor Officer Driver Identified

Date: 3/21/2016

1 Vehicle: 2006 Kia, Optima, 4D
1 Driver: 45-year John Perry of the 5500 Confetti

El Paso, Texas: The driver of the Kia Optima that caused the collision resulting in the death of Officer Ortiz is identified as 45 year old John Perry of the 5500 block of Confetti in El Paso. The investigation is on-going.

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Police Public Affairs

History:

Date: 3/10/2016

Location: 1500 Lee Trevino

1 Vehicle: 2006 Kia, Optima, 4D
1 Driver: 45-year male
2 Vehicle: 2004 Harley Davidson, Police Motorcycle
2 Driver: 9-year Veteran Police Officer, David Ortiz, assigned to Pebble Hills Regional Command Center
3 Vehicles: 2006 Acura, TL, Maroon
3 Driver: 41-year old Carmen Hernandez, of (Juarez Mexico)
3 Passenger: 21-year old Angela Jasmin, 13000 block of Paseo De Fe, Horizon City.
4 Vehicle: 1976, Chevy, P/U, Orange
4 Driver: 51-year old Raul Licio, 6200 block of Algonquin.

EL PASO, TEXAS: Officers from the El Paso Police Department Special Traffic Investigators (STI) responded to assist Pebble Hills Patrol with a Non-Fatal collision at 1500 Lee Trevino. Preliminary investigation revealed that vehicle #2 (Police Motorcycle), vehicle #3 (Acura) and vehicle #4 (Chevrolet Pickup) were at 1500 Lee Trevino stopped at a red traffic light in the right lane. Vehicle #1 (Kia) was traveling north in the right lane at 1500 Lee Trevino and struck the rear of vehicle #2 (Police Motorcycle) causing the driver (Police Officer) to become dislodged from the motorcycle. The first collision caused a chain reaction where vehicle #1 also struck vehicle #3(Acura). Vehicle #3 (Acura) was then pushed into the back of vehicle #4.

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As a result of the collision, vehicle #1 caught fire causing fire damage to vehicles #1 and vehicle #2. The Driver of vehicle #1, 45-year old Hispanic male was transported to Del Sol for injuries sustained in the collision. Officer David Ortiz was transported to Del Sol with life threatening injuries and is currently in critical condition. Driver (Hernandez) and Passenger (Jasmin) were transported to University Medical Center with minor injuries. An investigation in to the cause of the collision is still being conducted.

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