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NEWS RELEASE

STI Investigates Fatal Collision

Date/Time: Tuesday, December 5, 2017 @ 11:00 p.m.
Location: 6000 Trowbridge
Vehicle 1: silver 2001 Honda Civic
Driver 1: 21-year old Irving Zuniga of El Paso, Texas **(DECEASED)**
Vehicle 2: red 2018 Freightliner
Driver 2: 57-year old Jose Ortiz of Clint, Texas
Vehicle 3: white 2006 Wabash Trailer
Vehicle 4: white 2007 Wabash Trailer

EL PASO, Texas – The El Paso Police Department’s Special Traffic Investigations unit responded to assist Central Patrol officers with a four-vehicle collision late Tuesday. The preliminary investigation revealed that Irving Zuniga was driving a 2001 Honda Civic east at 6000 Trowbridge. At the same time a 2018 Freightliner that was towing vehicle 3 and vehicle 4, was operated by Jose Ortiz was northbound on the 800 block of Clark. Vehicle 2 had a green light and was making a left turn onto Trowbridge. Vehicle 1 disregarded a red light and struck vehicle 4. Vehicle 1 after colliding with vehicle 4 continued traveling and struck a pole. Irving Zuniga suffered serious injuries and was transported to University Medical Center where he died. No other injuries were reported. STI has identified disregarding a red light on the part of Irving Zuniga was a contributing factor in this collision.

This is the 50th fatality of 2017 compared to 61 during this same time period in 2016.

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