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NEWS RELEASE

STI Investigates Wednesday Morning Fatal Collision

Date/Time: Wednesday, December 6, 2017 @ 6:38 a.m.
Location: 13000 McCombs
Vehicle 1: black 2003 GMC Envoy
Driver 1: 47-year old Maria Aguirre of Chaparral, NM
Vehicle 2: gray 2016 Nissan Versa
Passenger: 23-year old female
Pedestrian: 61-year old Irma Consuelo Melendez Mendoza of Mexico **(DECEASED)**

EL PASO, Texas – The El Paso Police Department’s Special Traffic Investigations unit responded to assist Northeast Patrol with a pedestrian collision. The preliminary investigation revealed that Maria Aguirre was driving a 2003 GMC Envoy northbound on McCombs at a high rate of speed. A 2016 Nissan Versa was illegally parked on the west shoulder facing north at the intersection of Stan Roberts. The pedestrian (Irma Consuelo Melendez Mendoza) was standing behind the Nissan. The GMC attempted to pass another vehicle on the wet roadway and lost control of the vehicle. The GMC then struck the Nissan, which then collided with the Irma Melendez Mendoza. Ms. Melendez Mendoza was transported to University Medical Center where she died. STI has identified Failure to Control Speed and Unsafe Passing as contributing factors in this collision.

This is the 51th fatality of 2017 compared to 61 during this same time period in 2016.

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