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**NEWS
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21st Traffic Fatality in El Paso

Date: 05/03/2024 **Time:** 5:52 a.m.

Location: 1700 Northwestern Dr.

Vehicle #1: 2022 Dodge Challenger

Driver: 33-year-old Carlos De La Huerta, resident of Santa Teresa, NM

Pedestrian: 66-year-old Argelia Luzina Benavides, resident of West El Paso
(Deceased)

El Paso, Texas— The Special Traffic Investigations Unit continues investigating a fatal collision at the 1700 block of Northwestern Dr. Preliminary investigations revealed that De La Huerta was traveling northbound on the outside lane when the pedestrian attempted to cross Northwestern Dr. from east to west. The pedestrian attempted crossing at an undesignated area and failed to yield the right of way to the Dodge Challenger. Unfortunately, De La Huerta was unable to avoid striking Benavides. De La Huerta remained at the scene and fire medical services responded to provide assistance to the pedestrian. Benavides was taken to the hospital by FMS but unfortunately died from the injuries sustained during the collision.

The main contributing factor in this collision is the pedestrian crossing the road at an undesignated area while failing to yield to right of way.

This is the 21st traffic fatality this year compared to 21 at this time last year.

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