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NEWS RELEASE

05/23/2021

## 27<sup>th</sup> Traffic Fatality

District 4

Joe Molinar

## Date: 05/23/21 Time: 2:34 AM Location: U.S. 54 South at Montana

Unit 1 Vehicle: Fled Scene possible grey Nissan Unit 1 Driver: Fled Scene

Pedestrian: 24-Year old, Banda, Sergio Alberto, 9300 block of Viscount, El Paso, Tx 79925 (Deceased)

The Special Traffic Investigation Unit responded to assist with a traffic fatality involving a pedestrian at U.S. 54 southbound and Montana. The preliminary investigation revealed that 24-year old Banda was walking south on U.S. 54 in the number 3 lane. Unit 1 (possibly a gray Nissan passenger car) was also traveling south on U.S. 54 in the number 3 lane. Unit 1 struck Mr. Banda walking in the roadway and fled the scene. Mr. Banda died at the scene from his injuries.

Investigators are requesting anyone with information or anyone that witnessed this incident to call 915-832-4400. To remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 915-566-TIPS (8477).

This incident is the 27<sup>th</sup> traffic fatality this year compared to 30 at the same time last year.

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