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NEWS RELEASE

07/30/2023

46th Traffic Fatality

Date/Time: 07/30/2023 / 5:22 A.M.

Location: 10600 Gateway North / 10600 Kenworthy

Vehicle 1: 2019 Red Ford Raptor

Driver 1: Manuel Alejandro Gonzalez, 34-year-old, Chaparral, NM

Resident (Deceased)

Passenger: Mellissa Tristan, 36-year-old, Socorro TX Resident

(Injured)

Vehicle 2: 2023 Purple Kenworthy

Esteban Rios, 51-year-old, El Paso TX, Resident Driver 2:

Vehicle 3: 2018 Silver Mac LTT (Tanker)

El Paso, Texas - Special Traffic Investigators responded to a collision at the 10600 Block of Gateway North and 10600 Kenworthy. The preliminary investigation revealed vehicle 2 and 3 were traveling north bound on Gateway North and making a left turn onto Kenworthy to go west bound. At the same time, the Ford Raptor operated by Gonzalez, was traveling east bound on Kenworthy. The Ford Raptor was traveling at a high rate of speed and entered the intersection on a red light and collided into the tanker. Gonzalez sustained serious injuries as a result of the collision and unfortunately succumbed to the injuries.

The main contributing factor of this fatality is speed and a red-light violation. This is the 46th traffic fatality compared to 44 at this time last year.

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