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**NEWS
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48th Traffic Fatality

Occurrence Date: Saturday, August 17, 2024 **Time:** 9:13 PM

Location: 5200 block of Woodrow Bean (El Paso)

Vehicle 1: 2021 Nissan Sentra

Driver: Richard Carlton Wilson, 85-years-old, El Paso resident **(DECEASED)**

Vehicle 2: 2012 Dodge Durango

Driver: Emmanuel Mendoza, 36-years-old, El Paso resident

Front Passenger: Esli Mendoza, 29-years-old, El Paso resident

Rear Passengers: 1-year-old, resident of El Paso, TX

5-year-old resident of El Paso, TX resident

EL PASO, Texas—The El Paso Police Department was notified that a recent non-fatal collision at 5200 block of Woodrow Bean has now resulted in a fatality. Richard Carlton Wilson, the driver of the first vehicle involved, has succumbed to his injuries sustained in the accident. Mr. Wilson passed away on September 27, 2024.

The collision occurred on Saturday, August 17, 2024, at approximately 9:13 PM. Preliminary investigations revealed that a 2012 Dodge Durango, driven by Emmanuel Mendoza, was stopped at a red light westbound on Woodrow Bean, in the left lane at the intersection with Rushing. A 2021 Nissan Sentra, driven by Richard Carlton Wilson, was also traveling westbound on Woodrow Bean when it failed to control speed and struck the rear of the Dodge Durango. Mr. Wilson, 85 years old, was transported to University Medical Center with life-threatening injuries. He was initially in stable condition but ultimately succumbed to his injuries. The driver of the second vehicle and his front passenger sustained minor injuries. The two rear passengers, both children, were examined at a local hospital and determined to be unharmed.

Driver #1's failure to control speed and alcohol on his behalf was determined to be a contributing cause in this collision.

This is the 48th traffic fatality this year, compared to 55 at the same time last year.

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