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City's 49th Traffic Fatality

Date: 08-18-2024 **Time:** 12:57 pm

Location: 12100 New World

Vehicle #1: 2019 Honda Passport

Driver: 64-year-old Debra Ortiz Duran, East El Paso, Texas resident.

Pedestrian: 84-year-old Manuel Pedraza. East El Paso, Texas resident.

EL PASO, Texas— On August 18th, 2024, at approximately 12:57 pm, police responded to investigate a pedestrian collision that occurred at the 12100 block of New World. The initial investigation revealed Mr. Pedraza was traveling northbound on his scooter at the 1700 block of Joe Battle approaching the intersection of New World. At the same time, Mrs. Duran was traveling east on New World, approaching the same intersection. Mrs. Duran made a right turn and hit Mr. Pedraza as he was crossing in an unmarked crosswalk. Mr. Pedraza was transported to a local hospital at that time with several injuries.

On September 27th, 2024, investigators from the Special Traffic Investigations unit were contacted by the Medical Examiner's Office, informing them Mr. Pedraza had passed away in a long-term care facility on September 10, 2024, as a result of the crash.

The contributing factor to this collision is the failure to yield the right of way on behalf of Mrs. Duran. This is the 49th traffic fatality compared to 56 at the same time last year. Special Traffic Investigators continue investigating the case.

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