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NEWS RELEASE10/14/2024

57th Traffic Fatality

Date: 10-30-2024

Time: 05:53hrs

Location: I-10 West Mile Marker #21 (Near Walnut)

Vehicle #1: 2014 Jeep Wrangler

Driver: 33-year-old Ruacho Shain, East El Paso, Texas resident.

Vehicle #2: 2016 Volvo Tractor Truck

Driver: 51-year-old Hector Gomez, East El Paso, Texas resident.

Vehicle#3: 2023 GMC Sierra

Driver: 56-year-old Victor Gaba, East El Paso, Texas resident.

Pedestrian: 45-year-old Rachel Kelly Villalobos, Central El Paso, Texas resident.

(Deceased)

EL PASO, Texas—On October 30^{th,} the Special Traffic Investigations unit was requested to investigate a fatal crash on Interstate 10 near mile marker #21. The preliminary investigation revealed the pedestrian was lying on the freeway entrance ramp near mile marker #21. A Tx-Dot vehicle approached the onramp when Villalobos got up and ran onto the freeway. At the same time, the Jeep Wrangler traveling westbound could not avoid the pedestrian and struck her. After the collision, vehicles two and three also struck the pedestrian. Villalobos died from the injuries sustained in the crash.

On November 1, 2024, Special Traffic Investigators located and notified the next of Kin. A pedestrian in the roadway contributed to this collision.

This is the 57th fatality this year compared to 65 at this same time last year.
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