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NEWS RELEASE

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Man Arrested for Intoxication Manslaughter

Date: 06-09-2024 **Time:** 12:54 pm **Location:** 700 S. Zaragoza / 9300 Cesar Chavez

Vehicle#1: 2016 Toyota Tacoma Driver: 36-year-old Ramon Jaime Parada, resident of Socorro, Texas Charge: Intoxication Manslaughter Judge: Nunez Bond: \$110,000.00

Passenger: 25-year-old Rey Leonardo Mendez, resident of Socorro, Texas (Deceased)

El Paso, Texas— The Special Traffic Investigation unit continues to investigate a single-vehicle crash that led to the death of the passenger. On Sunday, just before 1 pm, Parada was speeding south on Zaragoza. Parada, while driving, failed to control his speed and drove head-on into a metal pole near the intersection of Zaragoza and Americas. Mendez was seriously injured in the crash and was taken to a local hospital, where he later died. Parada was found to be intoxicated and was taken into custody. The investigation revealed Parada had fled from Tribal Police before the crash. He was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility with the above-listed charge.

This is the 30^{th} fatality this year compared to 31 this same time last year. ###

