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NEWS RELEASE

06/19/2024

31st Traffic Fatality of 2024

Date/Time: 06/18/2024 – 4:01 PM

Location: I-10 West MM 22 (Raynolds) **Vehicle 1:** 1997 White Ford Explorer

Driver: Hipolito Castaneda, 66-year-old El Paso TX Resident

Pedestrian: Oscar Munoz, 53-years-old, El Paso TX Resident (Deceased)

El Paso, Texas – On June 18th, 2024 Special Traffic Investigators responded to a collision involving a pedestrian. The preliminary investigation revealed an officer was in the process of conducting a traffic stop when an occupant exited the vehicle and fled on foot. The pedestrian refused to comply with verbal commands and continued running and attempted to cross the traffic lanes of I-10 West. As the pedestrian attempted to cross I-10 West the pedestrian was struck by a 1997 Ford Explorer. The Pedestrian succumbed to his injuries and died on scene.

Main contributing factor in this collision is the pedestrian on the roadway.

This is the 31st traffic fatality of 2024 compared to 35 in 2023

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