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NEWS RELEASE

Woman Arrested On 25th Traffic Fatality

05/20/2024

Date: 05-19-2024 **Time:** 0250hrs

Location: 1500 Lee Trevino

Vehicle #1: 2018 Jeep Cherokee

Driver: 25-Year-old Leslie Lopez resident of East El Paso, Texas

Charge: Collision Involving Death

Judge: Acosta Bond: 110,000

Passenger: 36-year-old Enrique Soto resident of Mission Valley El Paso, Texas

Pedestrian: 21-year-old Kimberly Alissa Espinoza resident of Northeast El Paso,

Texas (Deceased)

El Paso, Texas— Special Traffic Investigation unit continues to look into yesterday's morning traffic fatality. Around 3 am Sunday police were called on a reported hit-and-run crash at the 1500 block of Lee Trevino. When officers arrived, they located a female pedestrian on the sidewalk receiving first aid. The initial investigation revealed Espinoza was crossing Lee Trevino in a non-designated crossing area in front of a bar at that address. At the same time, Lopez who was driving a Jeep Cherokee was southbound struck the pedestrian and then fled the scene.

A witness who observed the crash began to follow Lopez while contacting the police. Police were directed to the 900 block of Duskin where she was taken into custody. Espinoza was transported to a local hospital for treatment of serious injuries, unfortunately, she was pronounced deceased at the hospital. Lopez was arrested for the hit-and-run and her passenger was arrested for an unrelated traffic warrant. This is the 25th traffic fatality compared to 21 at the same time last year.

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