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NEWS RELEASE

Pedestrian Fatality on Thorn

Date: October 9, 2019 at 7:45 a.m.
Location 300 Thorn
Vehicle 1: 2015 GMC Yukon
Driver: 26 –year old Marisol Castro Cervantes
Passengers: Children ages 9, 6, and 5

Pedestrian: 14 –year old female
Pedestrian: 7 –year old Alexa Barrera (**deceased**)

El Paso, Texas- Special Traffic Investigations officers continue their investigation into this morning's traffic fatality. The collision occurred in front of Oran Roberts Elementary School on the city's west side. A 14 year old was walking her 7 year old sister to school, using the crosswalk, when the two were struck by a 2015 GMC Yukon driven by 26 –year old Marisol Castro Cervantes. Cervantes was traveling south on Ridge, making an eastbound turn onto Thorn. Cervantes struck both girls, knocking them to the ground. The 7 –year old child was run over by the vehicle and died at the scene. The older sister sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported to an area hospital. The intersection of Thorn and Ridge is controlled by a 4 way stop sign, with marked crosswalks on both streets. At the time of the collision, school zone lights were flashing and the posted speed limit is 15 miles per hour. This is the 52nd fatality of the year compared to 52 last year.

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