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El Paso, Texas

57th Traffic Fatality

Date: October 7, 2020

Time: 9:07 AM

Location: 3300 Lee Blvd.

Vehicle: 2019 Chevrolet Colorado

Driver: 74 –year old Frederick Martinez of the 12600 block of Tierra Fresca Ct.

(Deceased)

Vehicle: 2007 GMC Yukon

Driver: 45 –year old Claudia Del Hierro of the 3300 block of Elias Pl.

Special Traffic Investigations was called yesterday morning to assist Pebble Hills Regional Command officers with a two-vehicle collision involving a fatality. Investigators learned 45 –year old Claudia Del Hierro was northbound at the 3300 block of Lee Blvd., stopped at the red light. 74 –year old Frederick Martinez was also northbound on Lee, behind Del Hierro. As Martinez approached the intersection, he failed to brake or slow down. The Chevrolet Colorado Martinez was driving collided into the rear of Martinez’s Yukon, causing the Colorado to roll on its side. Martinez sustained mortal injuries and was pronounced dead on the scene. Del Hierro sustained serious injuries and was transported to a local hospital where she remains in critical, but stable, condition. Investigators learned Martinez was reportedly intoxicated before leaving his residence that morning. They believe speed and alcohol are contributing factors in this collision. This is the 57th traffic fatality of 2020, compared to 49 this time last year.

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