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NEWS RELEASE

80th Traffic Fatality

12/27/2023

Date: 12/26/2023 **Time:** 2:38 pm **Location:** 4000 block of Lincoln

Vehicle: 1998 GMC Cargo Van

Driver: 20-year-old Bryan Eduardo Acosta Rodriguez, resident of central El Paso

Pedestrian: 20-month-old child, resident of Central El Paso, TX (Deceased)

El Paso, Texas— The Special Traffic Investigations unit was called out to the 4000 block of Lincoln to investigate a fatal pedestrian crash yesterday afternoon. The preliminary investigation revealed Rodriguez had left the residence but had returned because he had forgotten an item. When he pulled up to the residence, his spouse came out to meet and provide him with the item he had forgotten. The spouse went back inside, and the child exited the residence at some point. Rodriguez then drove off, inadvertently running over the child. Rodriguez immediately notified 911 and began to render aid. The child was transported to a local hospital; however, the child was pronounced deceased at the hospital. This is the 80th traffic fatality compared to 72 last year.