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City's 15th Fatality On I-10 West

Date: 04-13-24 **Time:** 8:06 pm

Location: I-10 West Mile Marker 5

Vehicle #1: 2021 Freightliner with Trailer

Driver: 59-year-old Richard Martin Clennon, resident of Buckeye, AZ

Passenger: 40-year-old Umer Jawed, resident of Phoenix, AZ

Pedestrian: 39-year-old Michael Prendergast, resident of Las Cruces, NM
(Deceased)

Driver: 39-year-old Debby Pion, resident of West El Paso, TX

El Paso, Texas— The Special Traffic Investigations unit continues investigating a Fatal crash that occurred yesterday evening. At about 8 pm yesterday, police received information a pedestrian was hit in the westbound lanes. Special Traffic Investigations unit was called out to assist in the investigation. The preliminary information is Prendergast was operating a pickup truck eastbound on I-10 when pulled over. He crossed into the westbound lanes in front of the semi-truck, but the truck driver could not stop on time. Prendergast died at the scene. Special Traffic Investigations unit continues to investigate the case.

This is the 15th traffic fatality this year compared to 18 in 2023.

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