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**NEWS
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33rd Traffic Fatality in El Paso

Date: 06/02/2024

Time: 3:23 PM

Location: Loop 375 Eastbound MM53 (Midway exit)

Vehicle #1: 2008 Ford E150

Driver: 69-year-old Jesus Manuel Huerta, resident of East El Paso
(Deceased)

El Paso, Texas— The El Paso Police Department Special Traffic Investigations Unit continues investigating a single-vehicle fatal crash that occurred on Sunday, June 2, 2024 involving a Ford van that caught on fire. Preliminary information revealed that Huerta was driving eastbound on Loop 375 when for an unknown reason, he began to drive on the median located between the Midway off-ramp and the traffic lanes of Loop 375 eastbound. Huerta then collided at a slow speed into the street light pole located at this location. The vehicle became engulfed in flames. Huerta had a BAC of .188, therefore alcohol was a contributing factor in this collision. This is the 33rd traffic fatality of 2024 compared to 37 at this time last year.

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