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19th Traffic Fatality of 2024

Update:

Date/Time: 04/28/2024 – 1:52 AM

Location: 4800 N. Mesa / 100 Castellano

Vehicle 1: 2015 Black GMC Sierra
Driver: 22-year-old Hector Julian Velasquez
Charge: Collision Involving Death
Judge: Estrada **Bond:** \$150,000.00

Vehicle 2: 2018 Silver Dodge Charger
Driver: Eric Leal, 23-year-old, El Paso, TX Resident (**Deceased**)
Passenger: Devan Michael Lovelace, 26-year-old, El Paso, TX Resident (Injured)

On 06-07-2024, Special Traffic Investigators obtained a warrant of arrest for Hector Julian Velasquez for Collision Involving Death.

On 06-11-2024, Velasquez was taken into custody after he attempted to re-enter the United States at a port of entry in downtown El Paso. He was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility with the above-listed bond.

History:

El Paso, Texas – On April 28th, 2024 Special Traffic Investigators responded to a collision involving two vehicles. The preliminary investigation revealed the GMC Sierra was traveling north bound on N. Mesa and at the same time the Dodge Charger was traveling west bound on Castellano. One of the vehicles ran the red light and both vehicles collided. The driver of the GMC Sierra fled the scene. The driver and passenger of vehicle 2 were transported to the hospital with serious injuries. Unfortunately, the driver of vehicle 2 succumbed to his injuries sustained in the collision. The investigation is ongoing and the El Paso Police Department asks anyone with information on this traffic collision to call the non-emergency number at 915-832-4400 or Crime Stoppers of El Paso at 915-566-8477 (TIPS) to remain anonymous.

This is the 19th fatality this year compared to 20 in 2023.

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