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14th Traffic Fatality of the Year

Date and time: February 16, 2020 at approximately 2:50 a.m.

Location: Loop 375 east mm 13

Vehicle: 2001 Honda Accord

Driver: 27 –year old Stephanie Cruz of El Paso

Pedestrian: 35 –year old Benjamin Hardin of El Paso

Early Sunday morning, Special Traffic Investigations officers responded to Loop 375 mile marker 13 to investigate a fatal collision involving a pedestrian. 35 –year old Benjamin Hardin was driving a vehicle traveling east and crashed into a traffic control sign, disabling the vehicle. After the vehicle became disabled, Hardin continued on foot, in the middle of the right lane. A vehicle also traveling in that lane struck Hardin and he died at the scene. This is the 14th fatality compared to 6 this time last year.



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