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Arrest Made in 58th Fatality

Arrested: 31 –year old Johnny Samaniego of the 600 block of E. River Ave.

Special Traffic Investigators have made an arrest in the city’s 58th traffic fatality. 31 –year old Johnny Samaniego was taken into custody last night and charged with Accident Involving Death. He was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility on a \$100,000 bond issued by Judge Dominguez.

History:

58th Traffic Fatality

Date: October 11, 2020
Time: 8:33 PM
Location: 800 E. Cliff Dr.
Vehicle: 2003 Ford Expedition
Driver: Unknown male
Passenger: 31 –year old April Pedroza of the 1200 block of E. San Antonio Ave. (Deceased)

Special Traffic Investigators continue their investigation into yesterday morning’s single-vehicle collision that claimed the life of another El Pasoan. The preliminary investigation indicated an unknown male was westbound at the 800 block of E. Cliff Dr. when he lost control of a 2003 Ford Expedition and collided with a rock wall. The driver fled the scene on foot, leaving his mortally wounded passenger behind. 31 –year old April Pedroza succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced dead on the scene. The investigation is on-going at this time and charges are pending against the driver. This is the 58th traffic fatality of 2020, compared to 50 this time last year.

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