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Chief of Police

NEWS RELEASE

SUBJECT: Hit and Run Fatality
DATE: July 24, 2010
LOCATION: 7100 Eastridge Road
POLICE CASE: 10-13941

On July 24, 2010 at 0451 hours, members of the Odessa Police and Fire Departments responded to a reported deceased person in the roadway in the 7100 block of Eastridge Road. Upon arrival, officers located a deceased Hispanic male, approximately 30 years of age, who appeared to have been hit by a motor vehicle. Traffic and Homicide investigators responded to this scene and are conducting a joint investigation into the cause and persons involved in the incident. The victim is identified as Jose Luis Pantoja, 30 years of age of Midland, Texas. Pantoja's next of kin was notified of his death. The Ector County Medical Examiners office pronounced Pantoja deceased at the scene at 0755 hours.

The Odessa Police is seeking assistance from the public for information about this incident and citizens may contact the Odessa Police Department Traffic Unit at 432-335-5756 or Odessa CrimeStoppers at 432-333-TIPS (8477).

This investigation continues.

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