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Traffic Fatality #55

Case: 09-3050870

Date: Sunday November 1, 2009

Time: 4:26 a.m.

Location: 1900 Block East State Highway 71 Eastbound

Deceased: Robert Mendez, White male, (D. O. B. 11-24-1986)

Narrative:

On Sunday, November 1, 2009, at approximately 4:26 a.m., Southeast Area Command patrol officers responded to a crash in the 1900 Blk of E SH71 EB.

A preliminary investigation shows that a Maroon 2001 Nissan Pathfinder was eastbound in the 1900 Blk of E SH71. The Nissan was in the exit lane for ABIA's cargo and service entrance. This portion of the roadway has poor lighting. Mendez was riding a bicycle in the middle of the exit lane. Mendez was wearing a black jacket, black pants and riding a black bicycle with no lights. He was struck from behind and pronounced deceased at the scene.

There is no evidence of alcohol or speed being a factor at this time. The driver of the Nissan stayed at the scene and is cooperating with detectives. No charges are expected to be filed in this case.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call APD Vehicular Homicide Unit Detectives at (512) 974-4742. This case remains under investigation. This is the 55th fatality of 2009. During this time in 2008, APD had 52 fatalities for the year.

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