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**HELP NEEDED FINDING DRIVER RESPONSIBLE IN FATAL 2024 HIT-AND-RUN**

**EL PASO, Texas (09/04/2025)** – After a review of the evidence, the El Paso District Attorney’s Office dismissed charges against a man arrested for striking and killing Horizon teen Miguel Romero on Feb. 7, 2024.

During a news conference Thursday, District Attorney James Montoya said the surveillance video showing the truck that hit Romero on Darrington Road near Pawling Drive did not appear to be the same one later determined to belong to Oscar Solis, who was arrested an hour after the crash at his home. The color, trim package, and grille on Solis’ truck are different than what was visible on the truck in the surveillance video. There was also no damage to Solis’ vehicle consistent with having been involved in a collision.

Forensic tests conducted on Solis’ truck showed Romero’s DNA was not present on the front or undercarriage. A test done to determine whether Solis was intoxicated at the time of the arrest showed no alcohol in his blood.

Eyewitnesses also gave conflicting statements to Horizon Police, Montoya disclosed. One witness who saw the collision described the driver as a man in his 20s, whereas Solis is 55 years old. Another witness to the collision stopped to render aid to Romero. Having lost sight of the truck, she drove in the direction she last saw it headed. That same witness saw a red truck parked at a convenience store a short distance from the crash site, took photos of the truck and license plate, and provided it to police, who traced the vehicle to Solis.

“Our job is not to convict, it’s to seek justice,” Montoya said. “We are still looking for the person who is responsible for killing Miguel Romero, and we hope whoever saw this crash or recognizes the truck in the surveillance video can come forward.”

Anyone with information about the deadly hit-and-run is urged to call the Horizon Police Department at (915) 852-1047.

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