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CBP Statement

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On Monday, Oct. 21, at approximately 7 p.m. a 22-year-old man from Honduras was struck by a vehicle as he tried to flee apprehension by Border Patrol. Agents working their assigned duties observed a white Ford F-150 traveling southbound on Interstate Highway 35 (I-35). The agent proceeded to conduct an immigration vehicle stop at the 22 mile marker. As the vehicle yielded, an agent proceeded to conduct an immigration inspection on the occupants of the vehicle when several subjects absconded towards the brush. One subject tried to flee across I-35 and was subsequently hit by a passing vehicle. Border Patrol Emergency Medical Technicians quickly rendered aid and the man was airlifted to a hospital nearby. He was later transferred to a hospital in San Antonio, TX for surgery. A United States Citizen driver and thirteen other illegal aliens involved in this human smuggling event did not require medical attention and were subsequently taken into custody. Unfortunately, the individual succumbed to his injuries while still in the hospital, and was pronounced deceased on Tuesday night.

U.S. Customs and Border Protection is the unified border agency within the Department of Homeland Security charged with the management, control and protection of our nation's borders at and between official ports of entry. CBP is charged with securing the borders of the United States while enforcing hundreds of laws and facilitating lawful trade and travel.

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