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DWI Crash Leads to 6th DWI Arrest

Santa Fe—A single vehicle crash leaves two hospitalized and one facing her 6th DWI arrest. Lillian Adams (8/14/58) of Fort Collins, CO was driving very fast, according to witnesses, when she lost control of the 2001 Saturn she was driving and smashed into the guardrail on I-25 just north of Glorieta.

Witnesses say she was swerving and nearly hit a black pickup truck before hitting the guardrail at about 7:40 pm. She was thrown from the car and a small child was stuck in the front seat of the Saturn. People who stopped to help had to cut the seatbelt to free the 3-4 year old girl. She was not in a child safety seat.

Adams was not wearing a seatbelt and was thrown from the car. Officers on the scene detected a strong odor of alcohol coming from Adams. Because of her injuries she was not able to perform field sobriety tests but a blood sample was taken at St Vincent Hospital where she was transported by ambulance. The young girl was taken by helicopter to UNMH in Albuquerque. Both are reported to be in critical condition.

A check of Adams' driving history indicates 5 pervious DWI arrests. She has been charged with Child Abuse resulting in Great Bodily Harm or Death, Driving under the Influence of Intoxicating Liquor or Drugs (6th offense) and Reckless Driving. She has a valid license from Colorado. Positive identification of the young girl has not been made at this time. They are believed to be related.

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