



# State of New Mexico

## *Department of Public Safety*

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### **Officer Hit during Traffic Stop**

Albuquerque—State Police officer Wayne Harvey was in his police car and hit from behind while providing extra protection and warning for a Bernalillo County Sheriff's deputy who had stopped a car on the side of I-40 in Albuquerque.

Officer Harvey was on his way back to the office after court at about 10:30 Tuesday morning, when he spotted a BCSO deputy walking to the driver's side window of a car stopped on the right-hand shoulder of the Interstate.

He pulled in behind the deputy to offer more protection and to warn approaching traffic to move to the left. Just as he came to a stop he heard screeching tires and saw a vehicle skidding toward him. Officer Harvey was not able to avoid being struck by the skidding vehicle. He did have his emergency equipment activated, his lights were flashing and a directional arrow was warning traffic to move left.

Officer Harvey was transported to UNMH where he was treated and released. The Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department arrested the driver who hit Officer Harvey. BCSO has more information about the arrested driver and charges.

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