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Fatal Crash

Tatum--a fatal crash has claimed the life of an 18 year old Texas girl. Myra Hernandez was a passenger in the car driven by Cynthia Lujan-Benavidez, 17 years old.

Cynthia was driving north on State Road 125 northeast of Tatum when she swerved to avoid a deer in the road. She went into the ditch and rolled the four-door Chevrolet. Myra was not wearing a seatbelt. She was transported to Roosevelt General Hospital in Portales where she was pronounced dead due to head injuries.

The driver Cynthia Lujan-Benavidez was taken to Lubbock Covenant Hospital and treated for minor injuries. Both girls are from Morton Texas. The crash occurred just before 10 pm on May 1st. Alcohol is not a factor in this crash.

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For further information contact: Capt. Oscar Gonzalez at 575-622-7200.