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### **One Killed in Rollover Crash**

Roswell – Renee Macias Herrera 2/25/1991 of El Paso, Texas was fatally injured when the vehicle he was sleeping in crashed.

State Police Officers responded to a motor vehicle crash just after 7:00 AM this morning. The crash occurred on US Highway 62/180. Thomas Vargas was traveling east on 62/180 towards Hobbs in his 1999 Jeep Cherokee when his vehicle left the roadway and drifted into the median the driver overcorrected back onto the roadway putting the vehicle into a counter clock wise slide. The Jeep subsequently rolled one and a half times coming to rest on the westbound lanes of 62/180, during the roll Renee Macias Herrera was ejected onto the roadway where he was later pronounced deceased on scene by the Office of the Medical Investigator.

Thomas Vargas of Albuquerque, Logan Holman of Vale, NC, Lance Gracey of Wilson Lavernia, TX, was listed in stable condition. Richardo Macias Herrera of El Paso, TX was uninjured in the crash. Renee Macias Herrera was sleeping in the rear luggage area of the Jeep and was the only person not seat belted. Driver fatigue is also listed as a contributing factor in the crash.

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