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Driver of Commercial Motor Vehicle Dies in Rollover

Roswell – Manuel Navarrete 5/19/1964 of El Paso, Texas was fatally injured when the commercial motor vehicle and trailer he was driving crashed, leaking a small portion of the crude oil that was in transport.

State Police officers responded to a commercial motor vehicle crash yesterday afternoon at approximately 4:30, on the southbound lanes of Ash Pot Rd. (NM State Road 31). Evidence on scene showed the 2008 Freightliner owned by Occidental Energy Transportation, was towing a 2009 Brenner tanker trailer, loaded with crude oil. The CMV and trailer left the roadway onto the western shoulder of the roadway, Manuel Navarrete attempted to correct, however the weight of the load forced the semi and trailer to continue off the roadway, rolling one and halftimes ejecting the driver.

Crude oil leaked was contained and the trailer was off loaded into other trailers. A hazardous material clean up company is performing a clean up of the remaining crude oil and contaminated soil.

The Office of the Medical Investigator pronounced Manuel Navarrete deceased on scene. Driver inattention and failure to wear seatbelts are listed as contributing factors in the fatal crash.

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