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High Speed Fatal Crash Alcohol Involved

Rio Lucio—A Penasco area man is dead after the minivan he was riding in crashed. Leroy Romero was thrown from the Chevy as it rolled several times as it left the road and hit a fence. He was pronounced dead at the scene. Another man, Marvin Gurule, has been transported by helicopter to Christus St. Vincent hospital in Santa Fe.

State Police believe Gurule was driving very fast on State Road 75 near Rio Lucio when he failed to negotiate a curve. The van skidded across the road, into the ditch and up and embankment before hitting the fence around noon on Thursday.

Officers on scene believe alcohol was a factor in this crash and are investigating charges of DWI, vehicular homicide and reckless driving.

Romero was in his late 30's. No other information on the driver, victim or a possible third passenger is available at this time.

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