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Fatal Crashes Leave Four Dead in SE New Mexico

Guadalupe County—Two men died early Thursday morning in a collision which involved a tandem tractor trailer and a Toyota station wagon. The semi, pulling two trailers, swerved off the road into the median of US 285 south of Vaughn and turned over when the driver overcorrected. The truck and trailers tipped and slid into the traffic lanes. The Toyota smashed into the trailer. There was thick fog at the time and it appears the Toyota driver did not see the truck lying in the roadway.

The driver of the truck was pronounced dead at the scene while the driver of the Toyota and a passenger were transported to Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in Roswell. The Toyota driver died at the hospital. Names and ages of the two men will be released after their next of kin have been notified. No word at this time about the extent of the injuries to the passenger of the Toyota.

A 53 year old Dexter woman died in a single vehicle rollover Thursday. Isabel Lomeli was driving west on State Road 249, near the Hagerman cut off in Chaves County, when she drifted off the road onto the shoulder at about 10:30 am.

As she attempted to get back on the roadway she over corrected and caused the Nissan truck she was driving, to roll over. She was pronounced dead at the scene.

Her passenger, 19 year old, Miguel Lomeli was treated for minor injuries and released at the scene. Fatigue, driver inattention and excessive speed are contributing factors in this crash. Both occupants were wearing their seatbelts and alcohol has also been ruled out as a contributing factor.

On Wednesday afternoon, just before 5:00, Barbara Wilson, 42, of Midland Texas hit a guardrail as she was driving a Harley Davidson motorcycle westbound on US 70 near mile marker 307 in Lincoln County. She was transported to Eastern New Mexico Medical Center in Roswell where she was pronounced dead.

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