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14 y.o. succumbed to October 31st Crash

Lovington – Edgar Lozano died yesterday evening from an October 31st crash in Lea County.

State Police officers from the Hobbs office responded to a motor vehicle crash just after 10:30 PM, east of Lovington, Halloween evening. The officers' investigation revealed that 17 y.o. Michael Herrera of Denver City, Texas was traveling east on State Road 83 near miles post 4 when he lost control of his 2001 Ford SUV. The SUV left the roadway upon entering a construction zone at a high rate of speed and subsequently rolled numerous times ejecting three (rear seat occupants), of the five occupants of the vehicle. Michael Herrera, on the night of the crash, fled from the scene and was later brought in for questioning.

The night of the crash, Edgar Lozano of Denver City, Texas, was airlifted from the scene to University Medical Center in Lubbock, Texas with Critical Injuries, and as of yesterday evening, has died. Alcohol does not appear to be a contributing factor. Speed and failure to wear seatbelts have been listed as contributing factors in the delayed death of Lozano.

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