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BNSF Train and Vehicle Accident / Fatality

New Mexico State Police are continuing to investigate a train, motor vehicle collision which took place at approximately 8:36 a.m. at the intersections of State Road 605 and State Road 122, in Milan, New Mexico. The train is from the BNSF Train Company and was traveling approximately 55 miles per hour, westbound. The driver of the train is Mr. Rodoso Cruz and the train engineer is Diane Hertz. New Mexico State Police investigation alleges that a white older model white Mitsubishi pickup truck, pulled out of a car wash slowly. The vehicle was operated by a older male. There was a line of traffic waiting in the southbound lanes of traffic, apparently waiting for the train. The truck slowly pulled around the waiting cars and traveled northbound in the southbound lane. This vehicle was traveling very slowly up to the tracks were it looked like the vehicle stopped on the tracks. The train stuck the white pickup truck, resulting in the death of the driver of the white truck. The name of the driver is unknown and the New Mexico State Police are still investigating the cause as to why this person would travel upon the tracks and stop. Further information will be released as it is received.

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