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FATAL ACCIDENT NORTH OF TRAMWAY EXIT

INTERSTATE 25, MILE MARKER 237

At 12:05 PM, New Mexico State Police were called to handle a motor vehicle accident involving the death of one female. The location of the accident was on Interstate 25, northbound lanes at the 237 mile marker. A total of three vehicles were involved in this tragic accident.

New Mexico State Police were called by Sandia Pueblo Police and Sandoval County Sheriff's Department to handle a motor vehicle accident which occurred on I-25. New Mexico State Police were notified at 12:20 PM by the two agencies that the motor vehicle accident involved one fatality.

Investigators at the accident scene believe the female operating a white Mazda was traveling southbound on Interstate 25, mile marker 237, when for reason still unknown drifted to the shoulder of the southbound lanes. The female driver then over corrected the white Mazda and returned to the southbound lanes in a sideways skid. The vehicle continued across both lanes of southbound traffic and entered the median between the north and south bound lanes of traffic. The white Mazda then when airborne from the median into on coming traffic in the north bound lanes of I-25. The white Mazda flew into a grey Ford pickup truck operated by Manuel Garcia-Ramirez (12-10-49 / his passenger was a Mr. Ricardo Garcia 4-16-80). The white Mazda then hit a brown Geo Prism operated by Edgar Cardona-Varela (5-19-80 / His passengers were Oney Rogelio 10-9-77 no injuries and Miguel Montoya-Hernandez 12-12-80 no injuries). The female driver of the Mazda was pronounced dead at the scene. The driver and passenger of the grey Ford pickup were taken UNMH for chest, neck and back pain.

The name of the deceased is being withheld pending positive identification and next-of-kin notification. I will release this as soon as these notifications have been made. New Mexico State Police do not believe alcohol to be a factor at this time.