



State of New Mexico
Department of Public Safety

October 30, 2012

Contact: Lieutenant Robert McDonald
nmsp.pio@state.nm.us

Hobbs Resident Dies in Crash

Lea County – On Monday October 29, 2012, at approximately 7:59 P.M., Officers from the New Mexico State Police responded to the scene of a two vehicle crash on Bender Boulevard, west of West County Road.

Initial investigation determined that a 2009 Peterbilt, commercial motor vehicle pulling a tanker trailer was traveling westbound on Bender Boulevard. The commercial motor vehicle was driven by Daniel Perkins (26) of Hobbs, New Mexico.

Directly behind the commercial motor vehicle, also traveling westbound was a 2003 Suzuki motorcycle. The motorcycle was driven by Raymond Boyd (32) of Hobbs, New Mexico.

As both vehicles traveled westbound, the commercial motor vehicle began to slow down to make a left turn into a gas station. While the commercial motor vehicle was making the left turn Mr. Boyd attempted to pass the commercial motor vehicle on the left side.

Mr. Boyd was unable to pass the vehicle safely, crashing into the driver's side of the commercial motor vehicle. Mr. Boyd was transported to Lea Regional Medical Center in Hobbs, where he later succumbed to his injuries.

Contributing factors in this crash has been identified as driver inattention and excessive speed.

Alcohol was not a contributing factor. Seatbelts were not a factor in this crash.

###