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TRAFFIC CRASH CLAIMS ONE LIFE IN CHAVES COUNTY

On Thursday, August 14, 2008 at approximately 10:20 a.m. the New Mexico State Police were called to the scene of a single vehicle injury traffic crash rollover located on U.S. 70, mile marker 368; in Chaves County, New Mexico. The vehicle involved was a 2008 Hyundai bearing a New Mexico Registration.

The on-scene investigation revealed that a male driver age 47 of Roswell, New Mexico was driving eastbound on US 70 at a high rate of speed. The driver then lost control of his vehicle by over correcting after drifting into the center median. The driver's vehicle then rolled several times before coming to rest off the south side of the highway. Witnesses at the scene said that they observed the driver traveling at a high rate of speed prior to the crash.

It is known that the driver was using his seat belt at the time of the crash. Alcohol may have been a factor in this fatal crash due to information collected by the New Mexico State Police. The office of the Medical Investigator in Albuquerque will make a determination and manner in the cause of death.

The name of the driver has not been released pending notification of relatives.

Investigation is continuing by the New Mexico State Police.

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