

Two men die in separate I-40 accidents

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Traffic was jammed up on Saturday due to two separate fatality accidents. One occurred in Gallup, near the on-ramp of Interstate 40 eastbound at Munoz overpass, and the other near Continental Divide, N.M.

Details on the local crash are pending, but Gallup Police Dept. Capt. Marinda Spencer said based off the initial investigation, the driver appeared to lose control of his car and rolled it. He died at the scene. The female passenger was treated at a local hospital, and released. No other vehicles were involved in the accident.

Also on Saturday, at about 3:30 pm, New Mexico State Police investigated a fatal crash involving three semi-trucks on Interstate 40, at milepost 39 (near Refinery exit), between Gallup and Grants.

The initial investigation indicated that a 2010 Volvo semi-truck was traveling east on I-40. The Volvo appears to have experienced a blow out on its left front steer tire. The Volvo crossed over the median into westbound traffic and collided with two other westbound semi-trucks.

The driver of the Volvo, Eshan Torabi, 35, of Las Vegas, NV sustained fatal injuries, and was pronounced deceased at the scene. The drivers of the other two semi-trucks were treated for what is believed to be non-life threatening injuries, State Police Officer Ray Wilson stated in a press release.

While alcohol does not appear to be a contributing factor to the crash, seat belts do not appear to have been properly utilized. The crash is still under investigation and no additional information is available at this time.

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