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SANDOVAL COUNTY – On Dec.31, 2018 at about 7 pm, the New Mexico State Police investigated a fatal crash that killed a 12-year-old Albuquerque boy on U.S. 550 around mile post 44 south of Cuba.

The initial investigation indicated a 2011 Chevy Truck was traveling north on U.S. Highway 550. The Chevy began to fish tail on the icy road, slid into oncoming traffic, and collided with a south bound 2007 Hyundai Elantra.

Alexander Steven Madsen, 12, of Albuquerque, who was a passenger in the Elantra sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased by the Office of the Medical Investigator.

Two other passengers in the Elantra and the driver of the Chevy were treated for injuries not believed to be life threatening. The driver of the Elantra was uninjured.

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The weather was a contributing factor in the crash, alcohol was not involved, and seat belts were properly used. For the victim's privacy their identities will not be immediately released by State Police.

The crash is still under investigation.

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