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When first responders arrived at the railroad crossing at Second Street and Highway 66 shortly after 1 pm Sunday, there wasn't much they could do for the man caught in the wheels of the train. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Gallup Police Department Capt. Rick White said the man, who has been identified as 32-year-old Myron A. Carroll of Navajo, NM, was heading north on foot when he decided to go around or under the crossing guards and step into the path of a westbound BNSF train.

A police investigation confirmed that the crossing guards were working properly and the train's engineer was blowing the warning whistles when the accident happened. Carroll's body was sent to the Office of the Medical Investigator in Albuquerque for an autopsy, and toxicology tests, to determine whether alcohol or drugs played a role in Carroll's ill-fate



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"What would cause him to walk in front of a moving train ... we'll have wait until toxicology tests come back," White said. "It usually takes six to eight weeks to determine – alcohol – or illegal/ prescription drug levels to determine if any three of these could have impaired his judgement."