Reports of a car rolling off of a cliff brought officers and medical personnel three miles southwest of RA 181, Remnant Mesa Road, at roughly 6:50 pm April 29, where they began to search for an injured man.

Deputies, unable to find the vehicle described to them as a black truck, began looking for access points to the bottom of the cliff around State Highway 602.

McKinley County Sheriff's Sgt. Elreno Henio walked on foot to the scene of the accident, where they then saw a group of people attempting to revive an unresponsive man, with one bystander performing CPR.

MCSO Dep. Paul Davis Jr. approached the man, identified as Karl Yazzie Slim, and checked for a pulse. He was unable to find one.

Davis then spoke with the girlfriend of the deceased man, who said she and her boyfriend were driving and talking when Slim, distracted, ran into a gap near the edge of the cliff. The car became stuck, and Slim and the woman exited. Slim then attempted to free the car by pushing it out of the gap.

According to the report, the car began moving again and it struck Slim on its way off of the cliff.

When Slim's girlfriend called out to see if he was okay, he responded that he was, but soon after Slim fainted, falling to the ground and breathing with difficulty.

Emergency medical personnel confirmed that Slim was deceased, and the woman's family arrived to take her off of the scene. Alcohol appeared not to be a factor in the accident.

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