Pedestrian struck, killed near Gallup by alleged impaired driver

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MCKINLEY COUNTY – New Mexico State Police investigated a fatal crash involving a pedestrian on New Mexico State Road 118, near mile post 27 east of Gallup, early evening March 5.

The initial investigation indicated that a 2003 Dodge van driven by Frank Adrian Jiron, 39, of Albuquerque was traveling west on SR 118. For unknown reasons, Tommy Mariano, 85, of Crownpoint was walking in the roadway. The Dodge van struck Mariano, who sustained fatal injuries and was pronounced deceased at the scene.

During the investigation, officers determined that Jiron exhibited signs of being under the influence of an “intoxicating substance,” according to a State Police news release. He was subsequently arrested for DWI and booked into the McKinley County Detention Center.

This case is still under investigation, with no additional information currently available.