

Fatal crash in McKinley County leaves one woman dead

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A car accident on Interstate 40 left one person dead and several other people injured Dec. 23.

New Mexico State Police responded to a one-vehicle rollover crash at milepost 68 near Thoreau around 7 am.

According to a NMSP press release, a 25-year-old woman named Ruth Cisneros was traveling westbound in her black Volvo when she allegedly swerved onto the left shoulder and back onto the road before the car flipped and rolled several times. Cisneros was ejected from the car, and the Office of Medical Investigator pronounced her dead at the scene.

Four other passengers, all children ranging from the age of 2 to 7 years old, sustained unspecified injuries and were transported to a hospital in Albuquerque. Their conditions were unknown at press time.

The press release states alcohol does not appear to be a factor in this crash, and the driver and all the passengers were reportedly not wearing their seatbelts.

The New Mexico State Police are investigating this crash.

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