

State police investigate double-fatality crash in Cibola County

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GRANTS – At around 7 pm on Oct. 11, New Mexico State Police investigated a double-fatality crash on Interstate 40 at mile-marker 84 in Grants.

The initial investigation indicated an Infinity passenger car traveling eastbound on I-40 was driving erratically and lost control. The vehicle entered the median, rolled, and entered the westbound lanes, colliding into a Toyota vehicle traveling westbound.

The driver and passenger in the Toyota vehicle sustained fatal injuries in the crash and were pronounced deceased on scene. Their identities are being withheld until the next of kin has been notified.

The driver of the Infinity passenger car, Aaron Hazard, 35, of Alta Loma, Calif., sustained injuries and was transported to the University of New Mexico Hospital in Albuquerque, where he remains in stable condition.

Officers are conducting a DWI investigation and are investigating evidence that Hazard may have been under the influence of drugs at the time of the crash. State Police are seeking to pursue charges upon completion of the investigation.

This crash remains under investigation.