

DWI checkpoint crash injures two women, NMSP officer

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A drunk driver drove through a DWI checkpoint in Thoreau and hit a New Mexico State Police Officer's car, injuring an officer and two women.

According to a New Mexico State Police press release, Joshua Floehr, 35, of Bloomfield, N.M., was driving westbound on Highway 122 in a 2019 Mitsubishi SUV around 6:45 pm on May 19.

He approached the DWI checkpoint that NMSP had set up, and then reportedly drove right through it at a high rate of speed, hitting a NMSP officer's car and pushing it into another officer's unit before coming to a stop.

Two women, ages 49 and 34, along with a NMSP officer, were standing by the car and were struck Floehr crashed into them.

The officer reportedly tried to push one of the women out of the way to prevent her from being hit.

The victims were transported to an area hospital. The females' conditions are unknown. The officer was treated for his injuries and released later that night.

Alcohol and speed appear to be a contributing factor in this crash.

Floehr was booked at the McKinley County Adult Detention Center for the following charges:

- DUI resulting in great bodily harm by a vehicle
- DWI (1st offense)

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- Aggravated battery on a peace officer with a deadly weapon
- Aggravated Assault on a peace officer with a deadly weapon
- Roadways laned for traffic
- Failure to obey traffic control device

Floehr's first court appearance was on May 22.

This crash is being investigated by the New Mexico State Police with the assistance of the Crash Reconstruction Unit.

