

U.S. Highway 491 crash leads to two deaths

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The New Mexico State Police are investigating a car accident that killed two people around 6 pm Oct. 19 on U.S. Highway 491 in McKinley County.

The initial investigation indicated a white Dodge pickup truck, driven by Charles Lane, 64, of Aztec, New Mexico, was traveling northbound on U.S. Highway 491, near milepost 34. For unknown reasons, Lane's vehicle left the roadway and crashed into the rear of a commercial motor vehicle that was parked on the shoulder due to mechanical issues.

There was a two-year-old passenger in the pickup truck, who sustained fatal injuries and died at the scene of the accident. Lane was transported to a hospital in Albuquerque, where he later died due to his injuries.

The two people who were in the commercial motor vehicle did not have any injuries.

According to the NMSP press release published Oct. 21, alcohol was not believed to be a factor in the accident.

The NMSP are investigating the incident.

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