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One person was killed Sept. 17 after she was hit by a train near Fire Rock Navajo Casino at 249 Hwy. 66 in Church Rock, according to a police report.

At about 8:10 pm, Deputy Gabrielle Puhuyesva of the McKinley County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to the area behind the casino in reference to two pedestrians hit by a westbound train.

"While walking from the front to the back of the train, I passed the conductor of the Amtrak train," Puhuyesva recorded in the report. "The conductor advised that there were two victims."

Puhuyesva wrote that a female victim, Chelsea Chavez, 24, of Borrego Pass, was pronounced dead at the scene.

Derrick Silentman, 19, of Gallup, who was apparently with Chavez when the incident occurred, was transported to Gallup Indian Medical Center.

Puhuyesva observed Silentman to be awake and talking as he was helped into an ambulance.

Alcohol is believed to have been a factor in the incident, officials said.

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