



State of New Mexico  
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### **Fatal Crash in Curry County**

Clovis – Jose Becerra-Gutierrez 3/5/1984 of Clovis was fatally injured when the vehicle he was in crashed.

On the evening of August 9th State Police officers were alerted to a motor vehicle crash just after 9:00 PM. The crash occurred on the northbound lanes of State Road 467 near mile post 14. The crash investigation has revealed that a 1994 Chevy Suburban was traveling north on State Road 467 when it left the roadway and entered into the bar ditch. The driver over corrected to the right putting the Suburban into a clockwise skid, subsequently rolling multiple times ejecting the driver and passengers.

Jose Becerra-Gutierrez was pronounced deceased on scene by the office of the medical investigator. Antonio Gallardo 3/11/1978, Mario Castillo-Rodriguez 8/15/1970 and Herman Rodriguez 3/18/1980 were all transported for injuries sustained in the crash.

Seat belts were not utilized at the time of the crash and alcohol is being investigated as a contributing factor. Due to the nature of the crash the driver of the vehicle has not been determined at this point. The investigation is ongoing.

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