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Early Morning Ride Turns Fatal

Carlsbad– Patrick Urquidez 4/20/1987 of Carlsbad, NM was fatally injured when the vehicle he was passenger in crashed and rolled multiple times early Friday morning.

State Police officers responded to a single vehicle crash just before 2:00 AM Friday morning on the eastbound lanes of Smedley Rd. (CR 704), evidence on scene showed the 2000 Mitsubishi went into a slide and rolled multiple times within the lanes of the roadway and came to rest on the shoulder of Smedley Rd.

The passenger Patrick Urquidez was pronounced deceased on scene by the office of the medical investigator. Edward Granger, Luz Olivas and Eric Tanner were injured in the crash and transported for medical attention.

The cause of the accident is ongoing and the driver of the vehicle is pending. Alcohol and failure to wear seatbelts are contributing factors in the fatal crash. Enforcement action is pending.

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