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Grandma and Baby Die in Traffic Crash

Torrance County—A family moving from California to Lubbock Texas has lost their grandmother and an 8 month old child. Sylvia De Leon and Adrian Ibarra were killed when a tandem semi-truck hit the vehicle they were in. Juan Ibarra was driving his 1999 Ford pickup east. He was towing a homemade trailer full of his son's furniture when the collision occurred. He was helping his son and family move from Fresno to Lubbock.

Sylvia, Adrian and one other child were in the camper shell on the back of the pickup. Four adults, including the driver, Juan Ibarra, and another child were in the extended cab of the pickup. Two people were pronounced dead at the scene of the crash while two were flown by helicopter and the others taken by ambulance to UNMH in Albuquerque. Names and ages will be released as they become available.

The driver of the semi-truck, David Naron of Saint David Arizona, was not injured. State Police continue to investigate the cause of the crash and will issue citations at the conclusion of the investigation. This crash happened at about 11:25 pm Wednesday.

Both lanes of eastbound I-40 were closed for several hours backing up traffic for miles. Another crash occurred at about 2:30 am when another semi slammed into a parked semi causing further delay in opening the roadway. The Torrance County sheriff's department is handling this crash investigation.

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