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Two Vehicle Crash Turns Fatal

Gallup – 21 y.o. Scott Costley of Gallup, NM was fatally injured when the vehicle he was driving was struck by a drunk driver.

State Police officers responded to a two vehicle crash just after 7:00 PM Wednesday evening at the intersection of State Road 602 and Aztec Ave. in Gallup. The officer's investigation showed the 2006 Ford Ranger driven by Scott Costley was traveling southbound on SR 602 entering the intersection with Aztec Ave., when his vehicle was struck by a 2006 Toyota car driven by 39 y.o. Daryl Begay of Window Rock Arizona. Upon impact Costleys' pick-up spun out of control and struck a traffic light.

Scott Costley was subsequently airlifted to UNMH in Albuquerque and was listed in critical condition until Thursday evening where he died as a result of the injuries sustained in the crash. Daryl Begay was uninjured in the crash.

Daryl Begay was arrested and originally charged with DWI, Motor Vehicle Crash resulting in Great Bodily Harm, Open Container and booked into the McKinley County Detention Center, the criminal charges were amended last night and filed this morning adding a charge of Vehicular Homicide.

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Picture Provided by the New Mexico State Police

