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### **Infant and Father Killed in Rollover Crash**

Raton – 26 y.o. Victor H. Ruiz-Esparza and 10 month old Andres Ruiz-Esparza were fatally injured this afternoon in a motor vehicle rollover in Colfax County.

State Police officers from the Raton office responded to a single vehicle crash just after three pm this afternoon near milepost 459, on the southbound lanes of Interstate – 25. Upon the officers' arrival they learned that Victor H. Ruiz-Esparza and his family of Henderson, Colorado were traveling southbound when he lost control of his 2004 Mazda car on the snow and slush covered roadways of I-25. The vehicle subsequently slid off the interstate and rolled onto an outcropping of boulders.

Victor H. Ruiz-Esparza was pronounced deceased on scene by the Office of the Medical Investigator. Andres Ruiz-Esparza was later pronounced deceased at the Minors Colfax Medical Center in Raton. A two year old and 23 y.o. Cynthia Zamundio were also transported by ambulance to the Minors Colfax Medical Center and were listed in critical condition as of late this evening. The brief snow storm that hit the Raton area dropped a few inches of snow within an hour. Alcohol and Seatbelts have been ruled out as contributing factors.

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