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Head on Collision Kills Mother and Daughter

Grants – Oneyda Sanchez and Oriana Y. Sanchez-Madrid of Phoenix, Arizona were killed this morning in a head on collision with a Semi in McKinley County.

State Police officers responded to a two vehicle collision that shut down the Interstate for two hours this morning just after 8:00 AM. Officers from the Grants office responded to the crash this morning and through their investigation they learned that 34 Oneyda Sanchez was traveling westbound on Interstate 40 at a speed unsafe for the wintry roadway conditions. Sanchez lost control of her 2000 Kia, and drove through the median from the westbound lanes into the path of an eastbound 07 semi driven by 62 y.o. John Gaulke of Wisconsin.

The impact killed Sanchez and her 16 y.o. daughter Oriana Sanchez-Madrid, a third passenger in the Kia 13 y.o. Odalis Sanchez-Madrid (daughter) was airlifted from the crash scene after she was ejected from the Kia. Oriana Sanchez-Madrid is currently listed in critical condition at UNM hospital. John Gaulke was transported to Cibola Regional Medical Center and later released. Seatbelts were not worn at the time of the impact and alcohol was not a contributing factor

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