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Double Fatal in Dona Ana County

Las Cruces – Manuel Campos, 42 and Robert Walters, 28 of Las Cruces were fatally injured in a four vehicle collision that tied up traffic for several hours yesterday evening.

State Police Officers from the Las Cruces office were summoned to a four vehicle crash just after 8:30 PM Friday evening in Southern New Mexico. Through the officers investigation they learned that Ruben Espinoza, 28 of Alamogordo, NM was traveling west on US 70 near mile post 154 when his 2004 Chrysler struck Robert Walters 2004 GMC pick-up and forced both vehicle across the median striking two east bound vehicles head on. The east bound vehicles were a 2002 Ford pick-up driven by Manuel Campos and a 2005 Volvo Semi driven by David Hayes, 55, of Independence, MO.

Manuel Campos and Robert Walters were both pronounced deceased on scene by the Office of the Medical Investigator. Ruben Espinoza and Isaiah Campos, 10 year old passenger and grandson of Manuel Campos were transported to University Hospital in El Paso, Texas. Ruben Espinoza was listed in critical condition and Isaiah Campos was listed in stable condition as of this afternoon. David Hayes was transported to Memorial Medical Center in Las Cruces for minor injuries and was listed in stable condition as of this afternoon.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation into why Ruben Espinoza left his lane of travel, causing the four vehicle collision, and alcohol is listed as a contributing factor in the collision.

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