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Two Die in Fiery Crash

Santa Rosa—An over-sized escort vehicle burned after being hit from behind near Santa Rosa just before 7:00 am Monday. Sandra Fish, 54, and Warren Fish Jr, 18, from Albuquerque both died. They were escorting a commercial motor vehicle being driven by their husband/father Warren Fish.

The truck was too big to fit under an over-pass so the truck used the exit and on ramps to get past the bridge. As the escort vehicle waited near the on ramp two vehicles approached the stopped or slowly moving Blazer driven by Sandra. The first vehicle swerved to avoid the Blazer. Dennis Dodd was not able to stop and hit the escort Blazer at over 80 miles per hour. The fuel tank ruptured and ignited. The truck driver, Warren Fish, tried to rescue his son and wife from the fire but was not able to do so. He was taken to Guadalupe County Hospital and later airlifted to University of New Mexico Hospital for treatment of his burns.

Dennis Dodd, the driver of the Ford van had minor injuries and burns. He refused medical attention, but was later taken to Guadalupe County Hospital by his supervisor.

The crash happened near the 243 mile marker on east bound I-40.

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