



# Garfield County Coroner's Office

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## PRESS RELEASE

**Date:** May 16, 2017

**Subject:** May 16, 2017 Double fatality motor vehicle crash Highway 13 near Rifle, CO.

**Identity of Deceased:** Pending notification of next of kin.

On Tuesday May 16, 2017 at approximately 4:30pm the Garfield County Coroner's Office was dispatched to the approximate 15.1 mile mark of Highway 13 Rifle, CO for a report of a motor vehicle crash involving one fatality. Upon arrival coroner investigators learned of a second fatality.

One fatality involved a male, 79 years of age, a resident of Colorado. He is not a Garfield County resident. Coroner investigators are working on identifying next of kin and pinpointing his residence.

Another fatality involved a male, 59 years of age, a resident of Utah. Coroner investigators are working on identifying next of kin and locating a town of residence.

Autopsies are scheduled for Wednesday May 17, 2017. The cause of death is under investigation and the manner of deaths for both fatalities are is being investigated as an accident.

The Coroner's Office is working with the Colorado State Patrol, Vehicle Crimes Unit, regarding other details of the crash investigation.

Identity of the victims will be released when next of kin is notified.

Respectfully,

Robert M. Glassmire  
Garfield County Coroner