



# Garfield County Coroner's Office

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Coroner

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## PRESS RELEASE

**Date:** August 19, 2019

**Subject:** Identification, cause and manner of death, for August 17, 2019 fatality on I-70 milepost 109.

**Identity of Deceased:** Francisco Manuel Apodaca Peralta, 45-year old male, resident of Glenwood Springs, CO.

On August 17, 2019 at 5:03pm the Garfield County Coroner's Office was dispatched to a traffic crash on Interstate 70 near mile post 109 (Canyon Creek Exit). Upon arrival, a coroner's office investigator pronounced the decedent dead. The coroner's office later identified the decedent as Francisco Manuel Apodaca Peralta, a 45-year old male, resident of Glenwood Springs, CO.

Mr. Apodaca Peralta was travelling eastbound on Interstate 70, crossed the median, and struck a vehicle travelling westbound. Mr. Apodaca Peralta was wearing a seatbelt.

The Coroner's Office contract forensic pathologist completed an autopsy on August 19, 2019. The cause of death is blunt force injuries of the head. The coroner's office is investigating the manner of death as an accident.

No further information will be released by the coroner's office.

Respectfully,

Robert M. Glassmire  
Garfield County Coroner