



# Garfield County Coroner's Office

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Coroner

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## PRESS RELEASE

**Date:** October 8, 2019

**Subject:** October 7, 2019 motor vehicle crash involving two fatalities on Highway 13 near Rifle, CO.

**Identity of Deceased:**

Casey Grossnickle, 39-year-old male, resident of Grand Junction, CO.

Briana Grossnickle, 39-year-old female, resident of Grant Junction, CO.

On October 17, 2019 at 4:26pm, the Garfield County Coroner's Office was dispatched to a traffic crash involving two fatalities on Highway 13 near Mile Mark 7. Upon arrival, coroner's office investigators pronounced two people dead. The coroner's office identified the driver as Casey Grossnickle and the passenger as Casey's wife, Briana Grossnickle. Both Mr. and Mrs. Grossnickle were wearing seatbelts.

The Grossnickles were travelling northbound towards Meeker, CO. A vehicle traveling southbound towards Rifle hit their vehicle head on. The other driver was transported to a hospital and the coroner's office does not know his condition.

The Grossnickles causes of death are pending investigation. 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