

Pedestrian killed on Gallup's west Route 66

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A Gallup man attempting to cross Historic Highway 66 not long after the evening rush hour was hit and killed by a motorist Nov. 14, officials said.

Lt. Rosanne Morrisette of the Gallup Police Department said Jefford Baker, 54, of Lupton, Ariz., was trying to cross the highway near Exit 16, not far from the Hampton Inn, at around 6:30 pm when he was hit by a car. Baker was reportedly in the company of another unidentified man.

"The driver of the car did not see the two individuals trying to cross the road," Morrisette said. "That's how the incident happened."

Morrisette said Baker was pronounced dead when Gallup police arrived on the scene. She said the two people were trying to cross the busy road from the north to the south side and that the driver of the car was not intoxicated.

The car was travelling about 35 miles per hour, Morrisette said. The driver of the vehicle was not cited by police.

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