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6 killed after Texas police pursuit ends in dramatic crash

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USPA News - A stolen pickup truck being chased by the Texas Highway Patrol crashed into vehicles Monday at an intersection close to the border with Mexico, killing at least six people and injuring several others, officials said. The driver was later arrested.

The incident began on late Monday afternoon when a Texas Highway Patrol sergeant initiated a high-speed pursuit of a pickup truck north of Mission, a city just miles from the border with Mexico. The pickup truck belonged to the Alton Police Department, but it was not immediately clear when the truck was stolen or if it was marked as a police vehicle. The Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) said the crash happened when the pickup truck entered the intersection of FM 2221 and Western Road in Mission, striking three vehicles. The suspect initially fled the scene but was quickly apprehended by the sergeant who initiated the pursuit. "From the three other vehicles involved in the crash, multiple people were transported to various local hospitals with injuries, and at this time, there are six confirmed fatalities," a DPS spokesperson said in an e-mailed statement. The suspect was also transported to a nearby hospital. Neither the conditions of those injured, nor the identity of the suspect, was immediately known. "We have not confirmed the identities of the deceased or injured," the DPS spokesperson said. "This crash is under investigation, and no additional information is available at this time."

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