

Charges filed in crash that killed 3 Sabetha family members

**(KNZA)--Charges have been filed against an Omaha, Nebraska woman in connection with a head-on collision last November in northern Jackson County that killed three members of a Sabetha family.**

***The Topeka Capital Journal* reports Maria Perez-Marquez has been charged in Jackson County District Court with three felony counts of involuntary manslaughter and two felony counts of aggravated battery. In addition, she faces a misdemeanor count of reckless driving.**

**The Kansas Highway Patrol reports Perez-Marquez was driving a southbound sport utility vehicle on U.S. 75, north of Holton, the evening of November 25 when she tried to pass another vehicle.**

**She collided with a northbound mini-van driven by 42-year-old Carmen Ukele. Both vehicles swerved to the shoulder at the same time to avoid colliding, but hit head-on.**

**Carmen Ukele and two passengers in her vehicle, 11-year-old Marlee Ukele and 62-year-old Stephen Ukele, were killed in the crash.**

**Another passenger, Lee Ukele, was seriously injured in the wreck. Also injured were Perez-Marquez and a passenger in her vehicle, Rosalao Perez of St. Joseph.**

**The Ukele's were returning home from Hutchinson after watching the Sabetha High School football team capture the state 3A championship. Carmen and Lee Ukele's two sons, Tanner and Carson, were members of the team.**

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