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Girl 6, Dies in Crash

Four people are recovering and one has been released from the hospital following a rollover accident in Gray County that claimed the life of a 6-year-old girl. The accident happened around 2:30 Saturday afternoon, about 14 miles west of Cimarron on Highway 50. The Kansas Highway Patrol says a GMC van was westbound on the highway when the right-rear tire blew, causing the driver to lose control. The van then rolled and came to rest in a ditch. Esella Vasquez, 6, was pronounced dead at a local hospital. Five others in the van suffered injuries. Authorities say Vasquez, another 6-year-old girl, and a 3-year-old boy were not safely restrained. The 3- and 6-year-old were flown to a Wichita hospital and are currently listed in fair condition. A 36-year-old woman was also flown to Wichita and is currently in serious condition. The 42-year-old driver and a 17-year-old girl were taken to a hospital in Garden City for treatment. The driver was transferred to another hospital, and the 17-year-old has been released. All are reportedly from Dodge City.

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