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For Immediate Release

The Mesa County Coroner's Office has completed its examination regarding the death of Eric K. Bartholomew, a 27-year-old male recent resident of Denver, Colorado in route to his new home in Simi Valley, California. Mr. Bartholomew was the victim of a motor vehicle crash that occurred on westbound I70 at the 26 Road overpass just before noon today. Mr. Bartholomew was driving one of three vehicles in a caravan. The other vehicles carried family members and a friend that were assisting with the move. Mr. Bartholomew was driving a mid-size U-Haul truck and was towing a family vehicle. A witness reported the U-Haul truck left I70 from the right hand lane and went into the shoulder. Mr. Bartholomew apparently could not bring the vehicle back onto the roadway and collided with a bridge piling. The **Cause of Death** was **Multiple Injuries** and the **Manner of Death** was **Accident**. Alcohol and drugs were not factors. Unfortunately, a family dog named Sid was also killed in the crash.

The law enforcement agency overseeing this investigation is the Grand Junction Police Department. Please contact them for any further details.

Thank you