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**Fatal Accident-Pedestrian Struck by Train - UPDATE**

Kearney Police Department has identified Francine Lucero-Bennett, a 34-year-old female from Kearney, as the deceased victim from yesterday's train pedestrian accident that occurred approximately 300 feet west of the railroad crossing at Central Avenue. With the assistance from the Union Pacific Police, it was discovered Lucero-Bennett was struck by a westbound train shortly before 1:00 a.m. on Thursday, October 26, 2023. Lucero-Bennett was deceased when officers arrived yesterday shortly after 9:00 a.m.

Our hearts and prayers go out to the family, friends and loved ones of Francine during this difficult time.

The Kearney Police Department was assisted by the Buffalo County Sheriff's Office, Union Pacific Police, and the Buffalo County Attorney's Office in the investigation of this accident.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is encouraged to contact the Kearney Police Department (308) 237-2104, Buffalo County Crimestoppers (308) 237-3424, or through the See It Say It Send It App.