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Gov. orders flags to half-staff in mourning for Artesia officer killed in collision

SANTA FE – Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham on Monday ordered all flags to half-staff in the state of New Mexico in mourning for Corporal Tom Frazier of the Artesia Police Department, who was killed Friday in an automobile collision.

Frazier was involved in a collision with a tractor-trailer while on duty late Friday morning north of Artesia, according to reports from New Mexico State Police.

Frazier, 42, served with the Artesia agency for more than five years.

The order directing flags to half-staff from Tuesday, May 25, through sundown Thursday, May 27, is attached to this release.

“My prayers are with the family, friends and Artesia Police Department colleagues of Detective Frazier,” said **Gov. Lujan Grisham**. “While we are still learning the details, the incident is a tragic reminder of roadway dangers, and a reminder that we must recognize and appreciate the public service of the first responders all across our state working to keep our families and communities safe.”

Follow @NMStatePolice on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) for updates on the incident as more information becomes available.

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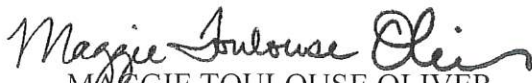
EXECUTIVE ORDER 2021-022

ORDERING FLAGS TO HALF-STAFF IN MEMORIAL OF CORPORAL THOMAS WADE FRAZIER

Corporal Thomas Wade Frazier served the State and his community as a member of the Artesia Police Department. Corporal Frazier's legacy of bravery and service will endure. He will be remembered as a loving husband and father. It is appropriate and proper to acknowledge Corporal Frazier's life and service through a public period of mourning across New Mexico.

THEREFORE, I, Michelle Lujan Grisham, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby ORDER and DIRECT that all state flags be flown at half-staff beginning May 25, 2021 and lasting through sundown of May 27, 2021. This action will serve to commemorate Corporal Frazier's life and to mourn his loss.

ATTEST:


MAGGIE TOULOUSE OLIVER
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 24TH DAY OF MAY 2021

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO


MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM
GOVERNOR

