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Press Release

North Main Street To Temporally Close Tuesday Evening, April 30, for “Sgt. Christopher A. Sanders Memorial Bridge” Dedication

Roswell, NM – Representatives of the Department of Transportation, local officials, friends and family of Sgt. Christopher A. Sanders will gather for a Memorial Dedication of the pedestrian bridge that crosses over North Main Street in front of New Mexico Military Institute Pearson Auditorium Tuesday, April 30, from 9pm to 9:30pm.

22-year old Sgt. Christopher A. Sanders a native of Roswell, New Mexico, and a graduate of New Mexico Military Institute, was tragically killed while serving his country on January 9, 2008.

The State Transportation Commission last April unanimously approved dedicating the pedestrian bridge located at mile point 5.791 (North Main Street) in the City of Roswell (Bridge No. 6774), as the “Sgt. Christopher A. Sanders Memorial Bridge.”

“Sgt. Christopher A. Sanders served the United States of America and his community of New Mexico in an exceptional manner and will always be remembered for his bravery, dedication, and distinguished service,” said District Two Engineer Tim Parker. “The naming of this bridge in his honor is a way for us to thank him and his family for his service as well as to remember what the military does for us on a daily basis near and afar.”

The dedication will include military taps and a candlelight vigil.

North Main Street will be closed from College to 19th Streets for approximately 2 hours while dedication ceremony takes place. Motorist are asked to seek alternate route.

For additional information on the Sanders Memorial Dedication contact Darrell Johnson at (575) 626-9102 (cell).

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