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"Apparently, some of the guys that come out here think they can do whatever they want. We see a lot of drunks out here."

— Apple Valley resident Kristyn Story

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Family sues Ford over Barstow area crash

BARSTOW — An Anaheim family has filed a lawsuit in Barstow against Ford Motor Company for general negligence, product liability and wrongful death after a car accident near Barstow two years ago.

Two people died in the car accident July 27, 2003, when the 1997 Ford Explorer they were driving crashed. The car was traveling about 65 mph on the southbound Interstate 15 freeway approximately 3.5 miles north of Halloran Springs Road.

Steven Carlson, the lawyer who filed the lawsuit, said Ford knew the 1997 Ford Explorer had a propensity to roll and that the car was not safe.

The family is also suing for loss of consortium and negligent infliction of emotional distress.

Ruth Contreras and her cousin, Oscar Garcia, died in the accident. Contreras was a mother of five, and Garcia had a wife and a young daughter living in Mexico.