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Investigation begins after woman falls to her death from Texas roller coaster

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USPA News - Investigators continued their investigation Saturday to determine how a woman was thrown from a roller coaster at a Six Flags amusement park in Texas, but park officials refused to speculate about what may have caused the deadly incident. The accident happened at around 6:45 p.m. local time on Friday when a woman, who has been identified as Rosy Esparza from Dallas, was thrown from a train car while riding the "Texas Giant" roller coaster at Six Flags Over Texas in Arlington.

She was seated next to her son in the train car. Six Flags said Saturday that the investigation into the cause of the accident is still ongoing, but officials promised a thorough investigation. "We are committed to determining the cause of this tragic accident and will utilize every resource throughout this process," park spokeswoman Sharon Parker said. But few official details were released amid reports from witnesses who said Esparza had expressed concern to a park employee that she was not secured correctly. "He (the employee) was basically nonchalant. He was, like, 'As long as you heard it click, you're fine,'" witness Carmen Brown told the Dallas Morning News. The Arlington Police Department conducted interviews with employees and witnesses, but said it appeared to be a tragic accident. "At this point of the investigation, it does not appear that there was any foul play or criminality associated with this tragic incident," the department said in a statement. The "Texas Giant" features the steepest drop of any wooden coaster at 79° and a record-breaking bank of 95°.

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