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Media Release

15-Year-Old Passenger in Last Week's Fallon Crash Has Died

The 15-year-old passenger riding in the vehicle that slammed into the stopped school bus last Tuesday morning on US 50 near Fallon passed away this morning at approximately 4:56 am at Renown Regional Medical Center. Connor Collins of Fallon was riding in the rear seat of a silver 1985 Mazda 4-door sedan unrestrained on March 1st, when the 7:41 am crash happened. The force of the accident caused him to be thrown through the windshield resulting in life-threatening injuries that day. On the morning of the accident, he was briefly taken to Banner Churchill Community Hospital in Fallon by ground ambulance before being airlifted to Reno by Care Flight. He had been listed in critical condition in the Intensive Care Unit at Renown Regional Medical Center since then.

The driver, a 16-year-old female from Fallon, and the other female passenger, 17-year-old Breanna Paramenter of Fallon, who was also riding in the front seat, both sustained injuries from the collision. They were both transported from the accident scene last week and each has been released from the hospital since then. The driver's name is being withheld because she is a minor. This is per the Department of Public Safety's media relations policy.

The Nevada Highway Patrol's Major Accident Investigation Team is still continuing to investigate this tragic event. Depending on other pending fatality and serious injury crashes currently being investigated, this accident investigation may take several more weeks for completion.

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