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Motorists Identified in Two Separate Wrong-Way Crashes Friday Evening

Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol- Major Accident Investigation Team are continuing to investigate two separate crashes involving wrong-way drivers that killed three motorists on Interstate 80 this past Friday evening.

The first crash happened around 9:24 pm on the freeway approximately 5 miles west of Lovelock. The driver of a green 1996 GMC Jimmy SUV, identified as 45-year-old Scott R. Francis of Lovelock, was traveling westbound in the east bound lanes. The errant SUV sideswiped a white 2006 GMC Sierra pickup pulling a flat bed trailer that was driven by Jardy L. Kyner, 41, from Columbia Falls, Montana. Mr. Kyner had 3 passengers from Montana riding in the pickup with him; two from Whitefish and the other from Kalispell.

After sideswiping the pickup and trailer, the GMC SUV struck a white Chevrolet Silverado pickup head-on that was being driven by Austin C. Williams, 24, of Sun Valley, Nevada. After striking the Chevrolet pickup, the SUV came apart and caught on fire killing Mr. Francis. The force of the collision caused the pickup to overturn and it too caught on fire. None of the other involved motorists were injured in this chain of events. The crash closed both eastbound travel lanes of the freeway and traffic was re-routed around the scene by Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) personnel and deputies from the Pershing County Sheriff's Office.

The second crash took place approximately 1 hour later at 10:24 pm, when troopers were dispatched to mile marker 46 on Interstate 80 near Fernley. The details in that event began when the wrong-way driver of a gold 2002 Mercedes Benz E320, 59-year-old Vladimir Volovik of Reno, collided head-on with a silver 2001 Toyota Echo 4-door sedan traveling eastbound driven by 27-year-old Jessica L. Stolting of Fernley. Ms. Stolting had a passenger riding in the right front seat with her, Donald N. Bobb, 27 of Schurz. The force of the head-on collision killed both drivers while Mr. Bobb sustained a lower extremity injury. He was taken to Renown Regional

Medical Center where he was treated and has been released. The crash closed both eastbound travel lanes for several hours and traffic was re-routed around the scene through Wadsworth.

The Nevada Highway Patrol-Northern Command Major Accident Investigation Team is investigating both crashes. Anyone with information concerning either crash is encouraged to contact Trooper Eric Gallagher at (775) 689-4661 regarding case # NHP-111013764 for the Lovelock crash or NHP-111013801 for the Fernley crash.



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