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Media Advisory

Names of all Fatal Victims from the Two Fatal Crashes in Douglas County

The names of the three victims in Saturday's horrific fatality crash involving two vehicles in Douglas County on US395 south of Gardnerville are being released today.

The two victims traveling in the Geo Metro are as follows;

Driver: **James Walter Harvey, 66 of Yerington**

Passenger: **Brenda Stringham, 50 of Gardnerville**

The fourth fatality victim is **Matthew Travis Walburg, 21 of Reno**, who was the driver of the Nissan Frontier pickup.

The horrific crash involving two vehicles traveling on US395 at Leviathan Mine Rd at approximately 1154 hours, Saturday night as troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to the two vehicle collision which occurred approximately 12 miles south of Gardnerville near mile marker 8. The crash investigation details investigated so far indicate that the 2007 Nissan Frontier was traveling north on US395 on the two-lane highway.

Traveling south on US395 approaching the Nissan was a 1995 Geo Metro. The Nissan for an unknown reason crossed the centerline and struck the Geo Metro head on. All three victims sustained fatal injuries at the scene. The female passenger of the Geo Metro was not wearing her seatbelt and was ejected. Alcohol is believed to be a factor in this accident.

The Highway was closed in both directions for approximately 5 hours.

The name of the fatal victim in Sunday morning's crash involving a single vehicle in Douglas County on US395 at Lucerne in Minden is being released today.

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The fatal victim is **Rafael Silva-Olivas, 43 of Carson City**, who was the driver of the Jeep Wrangler.

The Jeep was traveling north on US395 at approximately 0438 hours, Sunday morning troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to the single vehicle accident which occurred on US395 and Lucerne Street. The crash investigation details investigated so far indicate that the 1991 Jeep Wrangler was traveling north on US395 on a four-lane highway approaching Lucerne Street in Minden. For an unknown reason the driver lost control of his vehicle while making a right turn onto Lucerne St., the vehicle skid as it entered the intersection striking the curb on the northeast corner and overturn. The driver was not wearing his seatbelt and was partially ejected from the vehicle. The driver sustained life threatening injuries and was transported to Carson Tahoe Hospital (CTH) via Care Flight. The driver was pronounced dead at CTH.

The road was closed for approximately 2 hours.

Trooper Scott Morron of the Major Accident Investigation Team or M.A.I.T. is investigating these cases. Witnesses to these events are encouraged to call him at (775) 688-2500 or smorron@dps.state.nv.us for the Gardnerville case please refer to case # 120916422 and for the Minden case please refer to case # 120916515.

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