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Media Release

Three Motorists Injured in Head-on Crash on US Highway 50 near Carson City

On Thursday, July 4, 2013 at approximately 11:43 am, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a two-vehicle head-on collision on US Highway 50 just east of Flint Drive near Carson City. The preliminary crash investigation details indicate a silver 1999 Mitsubishi Mirage 4-door sedan driven by an adult male was traveling west on the four-lane highway when he allowed his vehicle to travel across the center turn lane and into one of the opposing travel lanes.

The front of his vehicle struck a white 2010 Kia Soul 4-door head-on that was driven by an adult male driver with an adult female passenger. The two occupants of the Kia received serious injuries while the driver of the Mitsubishi sustained critical injuries. A total of three helicopters were dispatched to the crash scene and transported the victims to Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno. The driver of the Mitsubishi and the female were flown by Care Flight while the driver of the Kia was airlifted by CALSTAR.

Troopers are at the hospital this afternoon to try and discover more about the cause of the crash and to learn the identity of all three victims. The accident caused the temporary closure of all four lanes of the highway to be blocked for just over 90 minutes. Both directions of traffic were initially diverted onto adjacent roads before Nevada Department of Transportation arrived to assist with alternating the traffic around the scene by utilizing the westbound paved shoulder. The entire scene was cleared and all travel lanes re-opened at 1:13 pm.

Witnesses to the crash and anyone with additional information are encouraged to contact Trooper Kris Satterwhite of the Major Accident Investigation Team at (775) 689-4682 or ksatterwhite@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP-130700349.



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