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Media Release

Wrong Way Head-On Collision on IR-580 near Plumb Lane Leaves two Fatality Injured and one with Serious Injuries

On Saturday, April 5, 2014, at approximately 3:26 am, Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a two-vehicle accident on northbound IR-580, 1/3 mile south of the Plumb Lane exit ramp.

Preliminary reports indicate that a red 1995 Honda Civic, driven by 23 year old, Kenneth C. Lee of Reno, was traveling the wrong way, heading south in the northbound transition lane of IR-580. It is believed that the Honda entered onto northbound IR-580 from the Plumb Lane northbound off ramp. A red 2014 Nissan Versa, driven by 71 year old Hans-Hartmut Kaesgen of Berea, Ohio was traveling northbound on IR-580 in the transition lane, approaching the Plumb Lane exit ramp. The Honda struck the front of the Nissan approximately 1/3 mile south of the Plumb Lane exit ramp. Both vehicles came to rest partially blocking the northbound travel lanes. Mr. Kaesgen and Mr. Lee were both pronounced deceased on scene, while the passenger and wife of the driver of the Nissan, 70 year old Nancy C. Kaesgen, was transported by REMSA to Renown Regional Medical Center with serious injuries.

A portion of northbound IR-580 was closed for a few hours, while troopers completed their on-scene portion of the investigation. Alcohol is believed to be a contributing factor with this crash. As of this morning, Mrs. Kaesgen remains at Renown Regional Medical Center in critical condition.

Trooper Doug Hildebrand of the Nevada Highway Patrol's Major Accident Investigation Team is investigating this unfortunate accident. Witnesses with any information regarding this case can reach him at the Reno NHP office at (775) 689-4623, the Department of Public Safety Communications Center (775) 687-0400 or dhildebrand@dps.state.nv.us, please reference case number NHP-140400357.



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