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Media Release

One Person Dead and Another in Critical Condition After Head-On Crash on IR80 East of Reno

On Friday, December 18, 2015 at approximately 4:41 a.m., Troopers from the Nevada Highway patrol were dispatched to a head-on crash that occurred on eastbound Interstate 80 just east of the Mogul Road overpass east of Reno Nevada.

Preliminary crash investigation reveals that a red 1994 Subaru utility vehicle driven by 58 year old Reno resident Elaine Sands was driving wrong way on IR80, westbound on the eastbound slow lane, west of Robb Drive. A white 2012 Toyota Yaris, driven by 51 year old California resident Daniel Owens was traveling eastbound on IR80 in the right (slow) lane. As the Subaru approached Mogul Road, it struck the Toyota head-on in the #2 travel lane. Both eastbound travel lanes were shut down while the scene was investigated. All travel lanes were reopened shortly after 9:00 a.m..

Witnesses to the crash state that the Subaru while traveling westbound in the eastbound travel lanes did not have its headlights on.

Sands succumbed to her injuries sustained in the crash and was pronounced at the crash scene. Owens was transported to a local area hospital by ambulance and is in stable condition. The right front passenger of the Toyota, 26 year old California resident Kayla Sturges was also transported by ground where she remains in critical condition with life threatening injuries.

This area of Interstate 80 is two lanes in either direction and the speed limit is 65 mph. Impairment at the time of the crash is unknown and still under investigation.

Trooper Doug Hildebrand of the Nevada Highway Patrol's Multi-Disciplinary Investigation and Reconstruction Team (MIRT) is investigating this incident. Anyone who may have witnessed this incident or who may have information related to this incident is encouraged to reach out to him at (775) 689-4623, (775)434-3062 dhildebrand@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP-151201706.



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