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Media Release

Two Dead After Wrong Way Head On Crash on I80 Near Sparks Blvd

On Saturday May, 23, 2015 at approximately 3:15 a.m., Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a two vehicle head on crash that occurred on Interstate 80 eastbound just West of Sparks Blvd.

The preliminary crash investigation details indicate a red 1990 Mazda pickup driven by 25 year old Jaime Danilo Rosales-Gomez along with 20 year old passenger Ricardo Chicas-Gomez was traveling wrong way (westbound) in the eastbound travel lanes of I80 when it struck a green 1998 Mazda Protégé driven by 27 year old Derek Joseph Huntley of Yerington along with 27 year old passenger Mearl Elizabeth Winberg of Fernley. The two vehicles collided head on in the left lane of eastbound I80 just west of the Sparks Blvd exit. Miss Winberg and Mr. Rosales-Gomez was pronounced deceased at the scene. Mr. Huntley and Mr. Chicas-Gomez were transported to Renown Hospital with critical life threatening injuries. They are still in critical condition at Renown.

Alcohol is a contributing factor in the cause of this collision. It was confirmed that all occupants were wearing their seatbelts at the time of the crash.

I80 eastbound was shut down for several hours while the NHP investigated the crash scene. There is spot roadway lighting in this area of I80 and the speed limit is 65 mph.

Trooper Karen Garretson 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 her at (775) 689-4625 or kgarretson@dps.state.nv.us regarding case number NHP-150501938.



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