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Head On Collision Causes Multiple Fatalities South of Tonopah

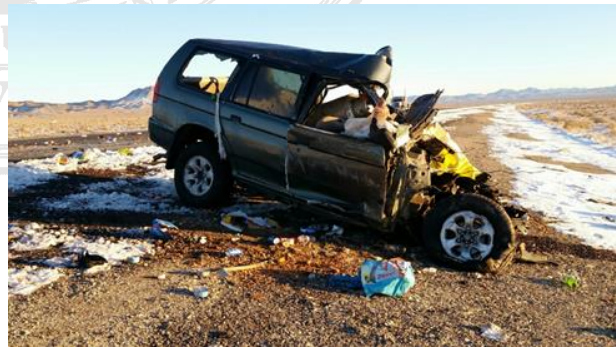
On Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at approximately 2:16 p.m., Nevada Highway Patrol Troopers were dispatched to a serious injury head on crash on US95 at Esmeralda County Mile Marker 33 (approximately 10 miles south of Tonopah).

A red Dodge Ram pickup pulling a trailer was traveling northbound on US95 south of Tonopah. A green Mitsubishi SUV was traveling southbound on US95 approaching the red Dodge pickup. Preliminary investigation suggests the red Dodge pickup crossed into the southbound lane of travel striking the green Mitsubishi head on.

Due to the injuries sustained from the crash, both occupants of the Mitsubishi (driver and the right front passenger) succumbed to their injuries. The driver of the red Dodge pickup succumbed to the injuries he sustained a short time later. Two passengers in the red pickup were transported via CareFlight to a Las Vegas hospital with serious, but non-life threatening injuries. A third passenger in the red pickup was treated and released on scene with minor injuries. The names of all involved are being withheld pending notification to the next of kin.

Preliminary investigation shows all 6 occupants in both vehicles were wearing seat belts. At this time, impairment is not suspected.

If you have any information regarding this crash or was a witness to this incident, please contact Trooper Karen Garretson of the Multi-Disciplinary Investigation and Reconstruction Team (M.I.R.T.) at 775-688-2500 or kgarretson@dps.state.nv.us case #161202850.



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