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Media Release

Fatal Crash on US6 in Esmeralda County in Construction Zone

On Wednesday, February 8, 2017 Troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to US6/ES36 (Between Coaldale Junction and Tonopah) for a multi vehicle, serious injury crash.

Preliminary investigation indicates that a 2006 black Freightliner semi was traveling southbound approaching traffic that was being halted by a flagger in a construction zone. A 2000 red Ford F-150, 2015 white Toyota 4Runner, and 2007 beige Chevy Express Van were all stopped in the southbound lane behind the flagger and awaiting the pilot car to continue southbound. A fifth vehicle, a blue Kenworth Semi truck, was traveling northbound. The black Freightliner failed to slow for the stopped traffic in the construction zone causing the front of the black Freightliner to strike the rear of the red Ford F-150 Pickup. The red Ford F-150 was pushed into the right rear of the white Toyota 4Runner. The Ford then crossed over the centerline and hit the left side of the blue Kenworth Semi truck. The red Freightliner continued forward and struck the right rear of the beige Chevy Van.

The red Ford F-150, driven by Sarah Ann Garcia (a 57 year old Tonopah resident) and right front passenger (Alvino Ramirez-Saravia, a 59 year old Tonopah resident), succumbed to their injuries on scene. There were a total of 5 vehicles involved and 8 occupants. All 8 occupants were wearing seat belts.

This is an ongoing investigation and it is unknown at this time if impairment is suspected. If you were a witness to this crash, or have any information relating to this incident, please contact Trooper Karen Garretson of the Nevada Highway Patrol Multi-Disciplinary Investigation and Reconstruction Team (M.I.R.T.) 775-689-4625 or email kgarretson@dps.state.nv.us reference case #170200649



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