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Media Release

Fatal Crash on US 50 near Cave Rock

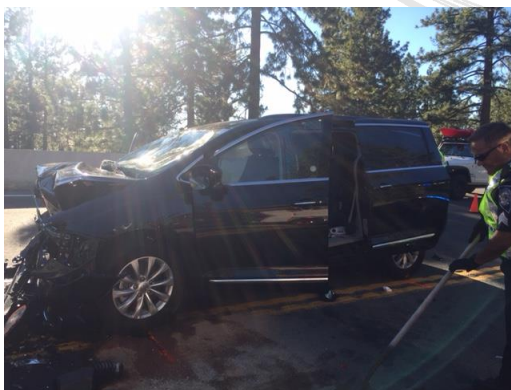
On June 26, 2017 at approximately 4:39pm, Nevada Highway Patrol Troopers were called to the area of US50 near Cave Rock, for a serious injury head on collision involving two vehicles.

Preliminary investigation indicates that a black 2015 VW Passat was traveling eastbound around a curve, crossed over the double yellow lines and into westbound traffic. A black 2017 Chrysler minivan was traveling westbound around the same curve when it was struck head-on by the black VW Passat.

The driver (only occupant) of the black VW Passat was transported to a Reno Hospital by ambulance with serious, but non-life-threatening injuries. There were 6 occupants in the black Chrysler minivan. The right front passenger, Sranthon Bunnag (52 year old female visiting from Thailand) succumbed to the injuries she sustained from the crash. The driver of the Chrysler and the 4 other passengers were all transported to a South Lake Tahoe hospital via ambulance with non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver of VW (a 40 year old female resident of Carson City) is suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol. When she is released from the hospital, she will be booked into the Douglas County jail for DUI and other related charges.

If you were a witness to this incident, or have any information regarding this collision, please contact Trooper Jason Litchie of the Nevada Highway Patrol Multi-Disciplinary Investigation and Reconstruction Team (M.I.R.T.) at 775-687-9631 or jditchie@dps.state.nv.us Case #170602698



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