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Media Release

Two People Killed in Wrong Way Crash

On Sunday, April 19, 2015, at approximately 4:15 p.m. NHP troopers were dispatched to an accident involving multiple vehicles on Us 95 in Clark County.

The preliminary investigation reveals that a black 2007 Chevrolet Suburban, was northbound on US95, south of mile marker 98 in Clark County. The Suburban, which was previously reported as a reckless vehicle, was traveling wrong way, northbound in the southbound travel lanes. A black 2014 Chevrolet Camaro and a blue 2015 Subaru Impreza WRX, were southbound on US95, north of the Suburban in the left travel lane. A white 2014 Freightliner tractor with trailing unit, was southbound on US95, in the right travel lane, behind and to the right of the Camaro and Subaru. The front of the Suburban struck the front of the Camaro. The front of the Suburban as it rotated. The Subaru was redirected into the right travel lane and into the path of the Freightliner. The front of the Freightliner struck the right side of the Subura. The Suburban continued rotating into the dirt median where it overturned.

The male driver of the Suburban, who was identified as 40 year old, David Beckstrand from Las Vegas, Nevada and the male driver of the Camaro, who was identified as 29 year old, Michael Johannsen from Las Vegas, Nevada both succumbed to injuries sustained the in the crash and were pronounced dead on scene by Coroner Investigator Chen at 1820 hours and 1830 hours, respectively. The 34 year old male driver of the Subaru was transported to University Medical Center by Mercy Air with non life threatening injuries. The 51 year old male driver of the Freightliner claimed no injuries.

This marks Nevada Highway Patrol-Southern Command's 19th fatal accident for this year.

You can contact Trooper C. Stuenkel at 702-469-3882 or Trooper L. Hixson at 702-533-6808 for further information.



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