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Fatality in Vehicle Crash on US 93

Kentis Castro, age 44, the driver of a motorcycle in a three-vehicle crash on US 93 and Gingerwood, died late this morning when being transported from one hospital to another.

The crash occurred on Wednesday, August 26, at approximately 5:59 a.m. Police and Fire were dispatched to the scene where they located a three-vehicle crash that closed both southbound lanes of US 93.

The three vehicles involved in the crash were a white 4-door Oldsmobile Cutlass with severe rear-end damage (located on the sidewalk), a gold Honda Motorcycle with minor damage, which was located on its side in the #1 travel lane, and a white Chevrolet Colorado pickup with moderate front-end damage, which was resting in the #2 travel lane.

The driver of the Oldsmobile was trapped in his vehicle and had to be extricated by mechanical means. All three drivers were transported to local hospitals with non-life threatening injuries. Later that morning, while Mr. Castro, the driver of the motorcycle, was being transported from one hospital to another, he died.

Witnesses reported observing the white Chevrolet pickup truck traveling southbound on US 93 at a high rate of speed and failing to maintain its travel lane. One witness reported that the tires of the pickup truck left the paved roadway several times. The witnesses reported seeing the Oldsmobile enter the highway from a side road where it was struck in the rear by the pickup truck. The motorcycle was then struck and all the vehicles struck the center guardrail.

Speed and drugs are believed to be contributing factors in this crash. The driver of the Chevrolet pickup truck, 21-year old Bruce Beste was arrested at the scene after being released from St. Rose Siena Hospital. He was charged with DUI drugs with an accident, two counts of reckless driving, speeding, failing to maintain a travel lane and obstructing. The crash is under investigation and additional charges are pending.

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