

Wrong-way driver killed, 1 other seriously hurt

A South Lake Tahoe woman continues to fight for her life after her vehicle was struck by a driver going the wrong direction on Interstate 80.

The collision occurred Oct. 12 about 11:54pm on westbound I-80 near Verdi.

According to the Nevada Highway Patrol, James Liston, 39, of Reno entered the freeway in the wrong direction somewhere between West McCarran and Mogul. His vehicle struck the front of a 2008 silver Toyota 4Runner causing his Mitsubishi to overturn and catch fire. Liston was not able to get out of the vehicle and died at the scene.

The local woman, whose name has not been released, was taken to Renown Medical Center in Reno with life threatening injuries.

Impairment may have been a contributing factor in this crash, according to officers.

Anyone who may have information related to this crash, is asked to call 775.687.9631 or email jdlitchie@dps.state.nv.us.

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