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From: Cory Sanderson
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On 3/6/19 at about 5:50 PM Maria Pena -Jimenez (42 YOA from Toppenish, Wa) was driving a 2005 Hyundai Elantra north bound in the 2100 block of Donald Wapato Rd. In the vehicle with her was a female (11 YOA from Toppenish) and a male (9 YOA from Toppenish). At that time the Hyundai lost traction due to the icy conditions and crossed the center lane of traffic.

As the Hyundai crossed the center lane it collided head on with a 2015 GMC pickup truck which was south bound and being driven by Ascencion Rios-Meja (34 YOA male from Mattawa, WA). Also, in the pickup was Gerardo Rios-Aguirre (36 YOA male from Mattawa, WA).

The impact caused the pickup to roll over onto it's top. Both vehicles were destroyed in the collision.

The occupants in the Hyundai were transported to Harborview for their injuries. Their status is unknown at this time.

The occupants in the GMC pick were transported to a local area hospital for treatment of their injuries. Their status is unknown at this time.

Alcohol/Drug use is not suspected to be a factor in the collision.

Seat belts and restraints were used by all occupants.

Charges for Negligent Driving 2nd degree were requested to be filed against Pena-Jimenez.

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