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Three Vehicle Accident Closes State Route 95

On January 26, 2012, at approximately 8 a.m., Vehicle #1, a white 2008 Chevrolet pickup truck driven by 31-year-old Lake Havasu City resident Ryan Parks was traveling northbound in the number 1 traffic lane on State Route 95 when it failed to stop at the red traffic light at the intersection with South Palo Verde Boulevard. The investigation revealed the pickup truck was travelling approximately 50+mph. The front of Vehicle #1 collided into the right side of Vehicle #2, a white 1989 GMC 1-ton van driven by 57-year-old Lake Havasu City resident Walter Willingham. The GMC 1-ton van was traveling eastbound on South Palo Verde Boulevard with a green traffic light, and was already within the intersection. Vehicle #1 and Vehicle #2 began a clockwise rotation from impact. Vehicle #2 was pushed into Vehicle #3, a green 2003 Ford Taurus 4-door sedan driven by 48-year-old Lake Havasu City resident Teresa Friend that was traveling westbound on South Palo Verde Boulevard with a green traffic light, already within the intersection. All three vehicles came to rest on the northeast corner of the intersection with the driver of Vehicle #3 trapped inside her vehicle.

The Lake Havasu City Fire Department was able to extricate the driver from Vehicle #3 after approximately 90 minutes and she was flown from the scene directly to University Medical Center in Las Vegas, Nevada. The driver of Vehicle #3 (Friend) was complaining of chest pain. The driver of Vehicle #1 (Parks) and Vehicle #2 (Willingham) received minor injuries and were treated and released by paramedics at the scene.

The intersection of State Route 95 and South Palo Verde Boulevard was closed for approximately 3½ hours. Arizona Department of Transportation and the Lake Havasu City Street Department assisted with the roadway closure and traffic control. The accident remains under investigation by the Lake Havasu City Police Department Traffic Bureau Investigators. The investigators were appreciative of the many witnesses that were present when the accident occurred and remained on-scene to provide statements.

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