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Five Die in Three-Car Accident on Highway 11

On Friday, November 10 at about 10:00 pm, a three-car accident occurred by the 28-mile marker on H-11 near the park's Hilo boundary. Five people, two men and three women, are confirmed dead.

A car with a male driver and two female passengers was traveling in a Ka'u direction when it collided with two cars heading in a Hilo direction. All three people in the Ka'u-bound car died.

The man and woman in the first car traveling Hilo-bound also died.

The male driver of the second car heading Hilo-bound was taken by ambulance to Hilo Medical Center and then flown to Queens Medical Center. The male passenger in that car refused medical treatment and was released at the scene.

Approximately 20 personnel from several agencies responded to the scene and assisted park rangers including Hawaii County Fire, Hawaii County Police, Kilauea Military Camp Fire and Ambulance, and State Highways.

An investigation is in progress to determine the cause of the accident.

Notifications of next-of-kin are underway.

Autopsies on all five victims are pending.

The accident closed Highway-11 for about five hours.

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The accident that took the life of three women and two men occurred on Highway 11 near the park's Hilo entrance.

Park Rangers have launched an investigation to determine the cause of this tragic accident.

They are also attempting to locate and notify the victims next-of-kin

Autopsies on all five victims are scheduled for next week.

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