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Five Killed in Three-Car Accident Identified

On Friday, November 10, 2006 at about 10:00 pm, a three-car accident near the park's Hilo entrance claimed the lives of three women and two men.

According to Chief Ranger Talmadge Magno, "Excessive speed and alcohol are contributing factors in this accident."

A 2005 Porsche SUV with a male driver and two female passengers was traveling in a Ka'u direction when, according to a witness, "it crossed the center line," and collided with two cars heading in a Hilo direction. All three people in the SUV died. They are Samuel Henry Furtado (55), Loretta Kae Rafferty (46), and Lucia Clearwater (60), all of Volcano, Hawai'i.

The man and woman traveling Hilo-bound in a 2006 Chrysler convertible rental car also died. They are Candice Shonah Chisholm, (32) and Owen Lloyd Romaine (33), both of Vancouver, British Columbia.

The male driver of the second car heading Hilo-bound in a 2004 Chevrolet 2-door sedan, Antony Gross (37) of Kea'au, Hawai'i, remains hospitalized at Queens Medical Center. The male passenger in the sedan, Daniel Roland Fisher (43) of Volcano, Hawai'i, declined medical treatment and was released at the scene.

Rangers have launched an investigation to determine the cause of the accident. Anyone with information is requested to call park dispatch at (808) 985-6170.

Rangers are being assisted in their investigation by Hawai'i Police Department's Traffic Enforcement Unit.

A State of Hawaii medical examiner is scheduled to perform autopsies on the five victims at Hilo Medical Center.

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