

Friday crash claims Clearlake woman's life

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LOWER LAKE – A Clearlake woman has died as the result of a Friday morning head-on collision on Highway 29.

The California Highway Patrol reported that the 76-year-old woman sustained fatal injuries in the crash, which took place at 9:50 a.m. on Highway 29 north of Hofacker Lane, between Lower Lake and Hidden Valley.

The name of the woman was not released Friday pending family notification. The name of the other driver, an 85-year-old Clearlake Oaks man who sustained major injuries, also was not released.

The CHP report explained that the woman was driving her 2004 Ford Focus southbound on Highway 29 at about 55 miles per hour when, for an unknown reason, her vehicle drifted into the northbound traffic lane and the path of the male driver, who also was traveling at about 55 miles per hour in his 2005 Chevy Impala.

The two vehicles hit head-on, and the women suffered fatal injuries, according to the CHP.

The male victim was taken by air ambulance to Santa Rosa Memorial Hospital, the CHP reported.

Both drivers, the CHP noted, were wearing their seat belts.

CHP reported that the collision is still under investigation.

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