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California woman dies after 3-vehicle crash on Monday

WAILUA – A 67-year-old California woman died Monday in a 3-vehicle crash in Wailua. Her name has not yet been released due to pending notification of next of kin.

The crash was reported at approximately 12:40 p.m., and Kaua‘i firefighters and Kaua‘i police and were dispatched to the scene, just south of the North Leho Drive intersection near Lydgate Beach Park.

According to a preliminary report, a gray 1997 Lexus sedan, operated by a 63-year-old California woman, and a 2007 Ford dump truck, operated by a 58-year-old Kapa‘a man, were both headed southbound on Kūhiō Highway. An impact subsequently occurred between the front of the Ford dump truck and the rear of the Lexus sedan, which caused the Lexus to spin out of control across the highway and into opposing traffic. The Lexus was then struck broadside by a 2009 Toyota pickup truck, operated by a 65-year-old Kalāheo man.

The 67-year-old California woman was the front seat passenger of the Lexus sedan. She sustained life-threatening injuries and died at Wilcox Medical Center.

The driver of the Lexus sustained non-life-threatening injuries and was admitted to Wilcox Medical Center in critical but stable condition.
The driver of the Toyota pickup had minor injuries and was treated and released on scene. The front passenger of the Toyota suffered non-life-threatening injuries and was treated and released at Wilcox Medical Center.

The driver of the Ford dump truck did not sustain any injuries.

Kūhiō Highway was closed between North and South Leho Drive for approximately three hours while the Kaua‘i Police Department’s Traffic Safety Section conducted a thorough investigation. North and southbound traffic was diverted onto Leho Drive.

Anyone who may have witnessed the crash is asked to contact Traffic Investigator Shawn Hanna at 241-1615.

This is Kaua‘i’s second traffic fatality this year.

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