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## **News Release**

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## Traffic crash closes portion of Kūhiō Highway on Friday

ANAHOLA – A portion of Kūhiō Highway in the vicinity of state mile marker 15 near Anahola was closed in both directions for three hours on Friday, following a traffic crash.

A 79-year-old female who sustained critical injuries was transported to Wilcox Hospital, and later transferred to O'ahu. A 59-year-old female, who was a passenger in the same vehicle, also sustained serious injuries and was transported to Wilcox Hospital pending transfer to O'ahu.

According to a preliminary report, at approximately 12:39 p.m. on Friday, the driver of a white Chevrolet pickup truck, traveling southbound, struck a blue Chevrolet pickup truck that was in the process turning left at state mile marker 15. That collision caused the blue pickup to collide with a northbound Ford MPVH. Moreover, after the initial collision the white pickup continued onto the shoulder striking an additional vehicle, a Chevrolet convertible. After the second collision, the driver of the white pickup proceeded to flee the scene.

Kaua'i Police closed both lanes of Kūhiō Highway shortly after arriving on scene.

Any witnesses to the crash are asked to contact Officer Shawn Hanna of the Traffic Safety Section at

241-1615.