

4 people die in accident near Placerville

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Four people were killed, including two children, and five others were injured in a collision Saturday night in the Apple Hill area of Highway 50 near Placerville.

California Highway Patrol officers say a Toyota Prius westbound on Highway 50 near Braeburn Lane about 6:05pm veered into the path of a minivan driving east on the highway, colliding head-on with the van.

A 4-year-old in the minivan and a child in the Prius died in the wreck as did the Prius' driver and another adult in the car, said CHP Sgt. Gilbert Lee.

Four others in the minivan, including 1-year-old twins, survived the collision as well as a 10-year-old in the Prius, Lee said. All were taken to local hospitals with injuries.