

2 people die in single-car wreck on Hwy. 50

By KCRA-TV

Two people died and another suffered serious injuries Friday in a crash on Highway 50, the California Highway Patrol said.

All the victims are young adults – likely in their late teenage years to mid-20s, a Placerville CHP officer told KCRA 3.

Police are still working to confirm their identities.

Only one car was involved in the wreck, which took place on the eastbound side of the highway, just east of the Red Hawk Parkway over-crossing.

The driver of a 1996 Toyota Corolla drifted into the center median, tried to get back on the roadway, then overcorrected and lost control of the car – smashing into a rocky outcropping, the CHP said.

The vehicle rolled and came to a rest on the highway, according to police.

Two women and one man were inside.

Emergency crews airlifted the female driver to Mercy San Juan, where she died.

A male passenger riding in the back of the car wasn't wearing his seat belt, police said. He was ejected from the Corolla and declared dead at the crash scene.

An ambulance took another female passenger to the UC Davis Medical Center to be treated for serious injuries, the CHP said.

Both women were buckled in, police added.

The wreck closed eastbound Highway 50 at Shingle Springs for a short time. All lanes were blocked just after 11:15am.

No further details were released.