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TRAFFIC NEWS RELEASE

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LOCATION OF THE CRASH

Milepost #: 91.85 Time of Crash: 3:23 p.m. Highway: US 191 Date of Crash: 2/8/12 *Location Info: 8 miles south of Pinedale in Sublette County

NUMBER OF VEHICLES INVOLVED: 2

NUMBER OF PERSONS INVOLVED: 2

DIGITAL PHOTOS AVAILABLE: No

DRIVERS/PASSENGERS

FATALITIES

NAME:Thayne Adams AGE: 45 SEX: M CITY & STATE: Marbleton, WY SUBJECT WAS DRIVER OF: Vehicle #1 YEAR:1996 MAKE: Dodge MODEL: Dakota pickup DATE/TIME OF DEATH: 2/7/12 at the scene SEAT BELT USE: No

INJURED/NON-INJURED

NAME: Clayton Mccarty AGE: 48 SEX: M CITY & STATE: Pinedale, WY HOSPITALIZED AT: Saint John's Medical Center in Jackson SUBJECT WAS DRIVER OF: Vehicle #1 YEAR: 2005 MAKE: Freightliner MODEL: Conventional SEAT BELT USE: Yes COMMERCIAL VEHICLE COMPANY NAME: Tri County Sanitation

NARRATIVE

A two vehicle head-on crash on US 191 on Wednesday has been ruled a suicide by the Sublette County Coroner. Witness statements and information gathered by Troopers about Thayne Adams' prior state of mind just before the accident led investigators to focus on the suicide. Adams was southbound on US 191 just south of the Pinedale airport Wednesday afternoon when he swerved his vehicle into the path of a northbound commercial vehicle. The two vehicles collided head-on in the northbound lane of travel. Adams' vehicle went partially under the sanitation truck and then both vehicles were consumed by fire. Mccarty was able to exit his vehicle prior to the fire.

The collision caused the closure of both southbound and northbound lanes of US 191 for approximately 1 hour. An intentional act by a person driving on the roadway that causes damage, bodily injury or death, cannot be counted as a traffic crash. Therefore, this accident will not be counted against the 2012 fatal traffic statistics.

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