

Wheatland man dies in crash

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A fatal crash claimed the life of a Wheatland man Monday at milepost 126 on Interstate 25 near Douglas, according to a news release issued Tuesday by the Wyoming Highway Patrol.

At 1:50 a.m., Wyoming Highway Patrol troopers were dispatched to the area for a one-vehicle rollover.

A 2007 Dodge Ram pickup was traveling southbound on Interstate 25 when the driver lost control of the vehicle on the icy road surface.

The Dodge entered into the median and overturned into the northbound passing lane where it came to rest.

A 2013 Freightliner semi-truck towing a trailer was traveling northbound and was unable to avoid a collision with

the Dodge.

The driver of the Dodge succumbed to his injuries while being transported by ambulance to Memorial Hospital in Converse County in Douglas. The driver was not wearing his seat belt at the time of the crash but was not ejected from the vehicle.

The deceased driver of the Dodge has been identified as 31-year-old Wheatland resident Jason Havard.

The driver of the Freightliner has been identified as 55-year-old Wellington, Colorado, resident Keith Cunningham.

Cunningham was not injured during the crash.

This crash resulted in the 14th highway fatality in Wyoming for 2018 compared to 19 fatalities in 2017, 10 in 2016 and 21 in 2015 during this same time period.