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# Accident on Interstate 35 claims life of Polo man

By Brett Adkison Friday, January 17, 2014

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A two-car accident in Clay County earlier this morning resulted in the death of a Polo, Mo. man.

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol's online crash report, the accident occurred at approximately 6:49 a.m. this morning on Interstate 35 near the 19.8 mile-marker. Both vehicles were in the southbound lane; the car of Pamela Wilson, 45, Gallatin, Mo., was in the left lane and swerved into the right lane, striking the 1987 Ford Bronco of Bradley Abeln, 31, Polo, Mo.

According to the Missouri State Highway Patrol, the Bronco began to skid, struck a guardrail, and overturned. Both Abeln and his passenger, Joshua Thomas, 32, Hamilton, Mo., were ejected from the vehicle and transported to Liberty Hospital. Neither were reported to have been wearing safety devices. Abeln was pronounced dead at 8 a.m. Thomas sustained serious injuries in the accident.

This is MSHP Troop A's third fatal accident of the year.

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