

Brother, sister from Lenore die when their car collides with pickup truck on U.S. 12/95



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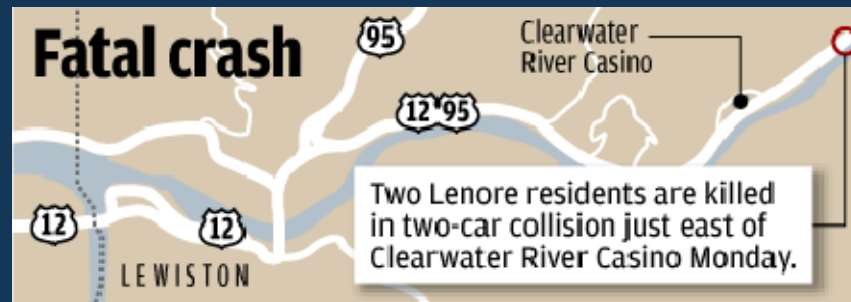


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A brother and sister from Lenore were killed in a car accident on U.S. Highway 12/95 Monday morning after the car they were in flipped and collided with another vehicle.

The Idaho State Police said Temi C. Meninick, 18, and Daniel J. Meninick, 27, died at the scene. Information was not immediately available on their next of kin.

The cause of the crash, which took place just east of the Clearwater River Casino, is still under investigation. The state police issued a news release saying the two were in a 1999 Dodge Stratus, westbound on U.S. Highway 12/95, at about 8:30 a.m. For unknown reasons, the car swerved through the median at milepost 306.5 and flipped over. It was skidding backwards on its roof when it collided with an eastbound Ford F250 pickup truck driven by Patrick M. Madden of Lewiston.

Acting Capt. Jeff Jenson with the Lewiston Fire Department said Madden wasn't injured in the accident. Bystanders pulled Daniel Meninick from the passenger side of the vehicle, but he died before the ambulance arrived. Extrication equipment was needed to reach Temi Meninick, Jenson said, but she died before she could be freed.

Two ambulance crews, an extrication vehicle, the Idaho State Police and Nez Perce County sheriff's office deputies responded to the crash. Jenson said a fire engine was also called because there was a lot of gasoline draining from the car. The highway was partially blocked for about four hours.

The state police report indicated Madden was wearing a seat belt at the time of the accident, but neither of the victims were wearing seat belts.