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**** Media Advisory ****

Traffic crash victims die from injuries

Three local residents have died from injuries received in traffic crashes earlier this year.

On Friday, May 14th 2010 at 12:04 p.m. 73-year-old Harold R. Brubaker and his 69-year-old wife Norma J. Brubaker were traveling southbound in the curb lane in the 2900 block of N. Amidon in their 1996 Mercury Villager when a Nissan Pathfinder driven by a 47-year-old man crossed the center stripe and struck them head on. The Brubakers were both taken to Via Christi St. Francis hospital with what appeared to be non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the Pathfinder was taken into custody for driving on a suspended/revoked driver's license.

At 5:35 p.m. on Monday, May 17 doctors at Via Christi St. Francis pronounced Ms. Brubaker deceased. Mr. Brubaker was pronounced deceased at 3:32 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18. Although the Brubaker's injuries did not appear life-threatening at the time, the Sedgwick County Coroner's Office ruled their deaths were connected to the injuries they sustained in the crash. The investigation into the collision continues.

At 1:51 a.m. on Thursday, April 15, 2010 WPD officers were dispatched to the scene of a hit-and-run crash in the 1600 block of S. Edgemoor. After they arrived, officers located the run vehicle near Edgemoor and Funston where they discovered a passenger in the 2-door Dodge Neon had sustained serious injuries.

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The passenger, 21-year-old Bryan Enoch-Arita was taken to Wesley Medical Center to be treated for his injuries. Doctors at Wesley Medical Center reported Mr. Enoc-Arita passed away this past weekend. The Sedgwick County Coroner's decision regarding Mr. Enoc-Arita's cause of death is still pending.

The 40-year-old man driving the vehicle was arrested on charges of Driving Under the Influence.

The investigation into the incident continues.

These three deaths bring to eleven the number of fatal crashes worked by Wichita Police officers in 2010.

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