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Troop F09/25/20198:12 PMI-75 SOUTHBOUND @ MM 128LEEIncident DateIncident TimeLocation of IncidentCounty
Trooper Stewart Gomez FHPF190FF048653 Crash Investigator Case Number Homicide Investigator
Vehicle# 1 Year 2018 Make Jeep Model Wrangler
Driver Jesus Manuel Purdon M 37 of Bonita Springs, FL NAME SEX AGE CITY / STATE of RESIDENCE Injuries NONE Next of Kin Notified? N/A HOSPITAL
Helmet <u>N/A</u> Seatbelt/Child Restraint <u>Yes</u> Alcohol Related? <u>No</u>
Vehicle# 2 Year 2001 Make Linc Model Town
Driver Ana Maria Arce Valdes F 26 of Naples, FL NAME SEX AGE CITY / STATE of RESIDENCE Injuries Critical Next of Kin Notified? Yes Lee Memorial Hospital HOSPITAL Helmet N/A Seatbelt/Child Restraint Unk Alcohol Related? No

Vehicle# 3 Yea	ar 2016 Make Nis		Versa 4 of	Naples El	
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Injuries <u>NONE</u>	Next of Kin Notifie			HOSPITAL	
Helmet <u>N/A</u>	Seatbelt/Child Res	traint <u>onk</u>	Alconol	Related? <u>No</u>	

Narrative:

Under investigation

Vehicle 1 was traveling southbound in the inside lane on I-75, nearing mile marker 128. Vehicle 2 was traveling ahead of vehicle 1. Vehicle 2 was directly behind vehicle 3. For unknown reasons, vehicle 3 came to a disabled stop in the southbound inside lane on the upgrade to the Alico Road Overpass. Driver 2 activated the hazard lights to vehicle 2 and stopped behind vehicle 3. The front of vehicle 1 struck the rear of vehicle 2, which forced the front of vehicle 2 into the rear of vehicle 3. Post impact, vehicle 1 became engulfed in flames. The rear portion of vehicle 2 also became engulfed in flames. The crash remains under investigation. Update: *Narrative correction all vehicles were traveling southbound on I75