

## **3 Killed, 1 Injured In Sacramento Car Accident**

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Three people were killed and one person was seriously injured in a one vehicle **Sacramento car accident** that occurred Friday morning at the intersection of Sloughouse Road and Jackson Highway. According to initial reports, Stephen G. Johnson, the driver of a 2001 Mazda Millennia traveling north on Sloughouse Road, failed to stop at the intersection with Jackson Highway and crashed into a field. Mr. Johnson and two passengers, Maurice M. Waters II, 20, and Christian T. Bishop, 18, were ejected from the car and died at the scene. A third passenger, 24-year-old Kevin Wardley, of Lincoln, was taken to the U.C. Davis Medical Center in critical condition. The details of this **fatal California accident** are still under investigation.

Although all the facts are not known yet, the driver of the Mazda was most likely responsible for causing this **California auto accident**. Drivers owe a legal duty of care that requires that they drive in a reasonably safe way and not expose their passengers to unnecessary danger and risk of harm. In this case it is likely that the families of the deceased passengers and the injured passenger have a claim against the driver for damages.

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Nothing is more devastating than losing a loved one, especially if it is unexpected and as the result of someone's negligence. The law provides that family members or dependents, usually a spouse, child or parent, have the right to recover compensation for certain losses if someone is liable for causing another person's death. These losses include both economic

and non-economic damages. The most significant economic loss recoverable in a wrongful death claim is the loss of financial support and other benefits that the deceased would have provided in his or her lifetime to the person making the claim. Just as important, survivors are entitled to the loss of love, support and companionship of the deceased person.

Persons suffering injuries as the result of a driver's negligence are entitled to recover past and future medical expenses, past and future lost income, and past and future pain and suffering that arise from the injuries. Many issues can come up in even the simplest of cases, making settlement of a personal injury claim with an insurance company much more complicated than it would seem. Hospitals will often assert a lien against any insurance recovery for outrageous hospital bills. Even if a health insurance company pays these expenses, it will usually pursue reimbursement from the liability insurance. If there are multiple injured parties, they will likely each make a competing claim against the liability insurance. Even in clear cut cases, insurance companies often go to extraordinary lengths to deny responsibility and avoid paying a claim.

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Anyone facing these or other issues should consult with an experienced **Sacramento Personal Injury Attorney** who will make sure that the victim's rights are protected and that he or she is dealt with fairly.

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