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Press Release

On January 15, 2010 at approximately 2:59 am, a one vehicle traffic crash occurred on SR 2 east bound just east of Lost Nation Road. Officers arriving at the crash scene found Chandraka J. Kasabwala, a 36 year old Mentor man, had been ejected from a 2002 Honda Odyssey mini-van registered to his wife. He received serious injuries and was transported to Lake Health Medical Center in Willoughby by the Willoughby Fire Department. Mr. Kasabwala was in turn flown to Metro Health Medical Center in Cleveland.

The preliminary investigation determined the Honda Odyssey drove off the left side of the roadway on SR2 for an unknown reason and struck the concrete median wall in a construction area. The Honda then lost control and began rotating clockwise. The van continued back onto the roadway and crossed two east bound lanes and one entrance ramp before driving off the right side of the road and ultimately rolling over. The Honda landed upright on its wheels. During the crash sequence, Mr. Kasabwala was ejected from the Honda.

Since Mr. Kasabwala was outside the Honda when officers arrived, the driver of the van has yet to be confirmed. Although no one else was at the scene when officers arrived, witnesses reported seeing another person leave the scene after the crash.

Safety belt usage is unknown at this time and alcohol use may be a factor.

Mr. Kasabwala official medical condition was unknown at the time of this release.

The Willoughby Police Traffic Crash Investigation Unit is investigating this crash.

If you have information regarding this crash, please contact the Willoughby Police Department at 440-953-4212.