

## **Two killed in wrong-way wreck**

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**FATAL ACCIDENT** – An early morning wreck on U.S. 81/287 Sunday killed two men and severely injured one woman. Messenger photo by Racey Burden

Two people died in a two-vehicle accident just north of Rhome on U.S. 81/287 around 5 a.m. Sunday.

Department of Public Safety Trooper Carson Bening said the wreck was caused by a wrong-way driver. Cesslee Southers, 21, of Weatherford was driving a white Hyundai sedan southbound in the northbound lanes and hit a red Honda sedan traveling northbound.

The two men in the Honda, driver Benis Escalante, 39, of Dallas and passenger Adolfo Aguilar Cepeda, 42, were pronounced dead at the scene. Southers was flown to John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth with serious injuries.

Bening said alcohol may have been a factor, but the incident is still under investigation.

Rhome police and fire departments, Decatur Fire Department, Wise County Emergency Medical Services, Wise County Sheriff's Office and DPS responded.