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HARLAN -- The first wintry driving conditions of the year are said to have contributed to an automobile accident near here Tuesday evening, November 15 that left two individuals dead and another seriously injured.

Elizabeth A. Page, 19, and Stephanie N. Nash, 20, both of Harlan, were killed when the car in which they were riding collided with a vehicle on Highway 59 near County Road F32 about three miles north of Harlan.

Page and Nash were passengers in a Chevy Beretta driven by Roger Page, 59, Harlan. The accident occurred at approximately 6:45 p.m.

According to Shelby County Sheriff reports, the Page vehicle was southbound on Highway 59 when the vehicle veered out of control and crossed the center line. Reports said the road was 100 percent ice covered at the time of the collision.

The Page vehicle was then struck by a Pontiac Grand Prix driven

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by Phillip Nielsen, 52, Kirkman, which was northbound on Highway 59. Reports said the Nielsen vehicle was unable to avoid the collision and struck the Page vehicle in the passenger door.

Called to the scene was the

state patrol, sheriff's office, Medivac Ambulance/Rescue, and fire departments from Harlan, Kirkman, Earling and Westphalia.

Roger Page was transported to Myrtue Memorial Hospital in Harlan and then to the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha. He was listed in critical condition.

Nielsen was transported to Myrtue hospital where he was treated and released.

The collision remains under investigation by the sheriff's office and Iowa State Patrol.