

Three killed at rest stop

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Three people were killed after a sleeping driver's vehicle struck three pedestrians at a Kootenays rest stop on Thursday.

Police say the Burnaby man was heading eastbound on Highway 3 between Midway and Rock Creek when he allegedly fell asleep at the wheel. Shortly before 1 p.m., his Ford Ranger crossed into oncoming traffic, smashing into a rest area and striking the three pedestrians.

Hazel and Richard Lisowik, 63 and 68, of Penticton and Stephen Gilsenan, 57, of Maroubra, Australia, died at the scene. The driver and his passenger were uninjured.

Police say drugs and alcohol weren't factors in the accident. Anyone who observed the crash or any erratic driving by the vehicle beforehand are asked to call the RCMP at 250-354-5183.

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