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Bragg Vehicle Fatalities Climb

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A Fort Bragg Soldier was struck head on by another vehicle while traveling on I-40 near Benson Sunday evening.

The Soldier is in stable condition at Womack Army Medical Center, and the passenger sustained minor injuries from the accident. Both were wearing seat belts.

The driver of the other vehicle was killed instantly.

Motor vehicle accidents are on the rise in the Fort Bragg and Fayetteville community.

Since October 2003, eight fatal accidents involving Soldiers have been reported of which three happened in March and April, according to Joe Hafner, tactical safety specialist, Fort Bragg Safety Division. Many of the Soldiers involved have recently returned from extended deployments.

Four accidents in two months is entirely too many, Hafner said. He said the eight fatal accidents reported since October could have been prevented.

“If they wore their seat belts, they would have survived. The age groups we concern ourselves with are the 18- through 26-year-olds, young Soldiers who just redeployed from (Operation Enduring Freedom) and had a lot of money and a lot of time,” he said. “I did three last August