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Media Advisory

1 Killed and 1 Critically Injured in Single-Vehicle Rollover Crash in Douglas County

This morning at approximately 5:14 am, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a single-vehicle rollover crash on US 395 near Courtland Lane, approximately 6 miles south of Gardnerville in Douglas County.

The preliminary crash investigation details indicate that a silver 1998 Dodge Durango was traveling northbound on US 395 at a very high rate of speed. The driver of the SUV allowed his vehicle to drift off the right roadway edge when he over-corrected his vehicle's steering to the left and once again to the right. The vehicle entered a broad-side skid and departed the right roadway edge and proceeded to travel approximately 40 feet down an embankment where it rolled over multiple times. The vehicle came to rest on its wheels facing south approximately 250 feet away from the highway in a field. This section of US 395 is a two-lane highway with a posted speed limit of 55 miles per hour. It is unknown this morning if alcohol was a contributing factor.

The 26-year-old male driver, a resident of Carson City, was thrown from the vehicle as it rolled over and sustained fatal injuries at the scene. The passenger, a 34-year-old Reno resident, was seat belted and remained inside the vehicle during the crash. He was flown to Renown Regional Medical Center by Care Flight with life-threatening injuries. The names of both motorists should be made available tomorrow once we are confident that family members have been notified.

The Major Accident Investigation Team will be investigating this crash. Witnesses or anyone with information, are encouraged to contact Trooper Robert Haigney at (775) 689-4682 regarding case # NHP-1105220105.

As a reminder, seat belts do save lives and the annual "Click it or Ticket" seat belt awareness and enforcement campaign starts tomorrow and continues through Sunday, June 5th, 2011.

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