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Accident on Rural Highway Takes the Life of a Pahrump Man

On Tuesday, June 21, at approximately 2:00 am, Mr. Jonathan James Burch, age 23, from Pahrump, Nevada, was driving a 1998 Ford passenger car southbound on US 93, approximately 20 miles north of Wells, Nevada. Mr. Burch was approaching a left hand curve on US 93 and allowed his vehicle to drift off the right (west) dirt shoulder. Mr. Burch overcorrected his vehicle to the left, then back to the right towards the right dirt shoulder. The Ford passenger car subsequently overturned on the right (west) dirt shoulder.

During the rollover, Mr. Burch was ejected from the vehicle and sustained fatal injuries at the scene. The vehicle came to rest on its wheels off the highway, Mr. Burch was not wearing his seatbelt. The preliminary investigation indicates speed and alcohol may be a contributing factor in the accident.

Witnesses to this accident or anyone with additional information are encouraged to call the Nevada Highway Patrol at 775-753-1111.

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