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## **Media Release**

### **Carson Woman Killed in Fatal Accident on Highway 50, East of Dayton**

This morning at approximately 6:48 am, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to an automobile collision involving a blue Honda 2 door passenger vehicle and a red Ford Ranger pickup truck. The accident took place approximately 10 miles east of Dayton, NV where the posted speed limit is 65 miles per hour with the following details learned so far. The blue Honda was traveling westbound toward Dayton when it, for an unknown reason, swerved to the right. The Honda then swerved back to the left and turned broadside, crossing the double yellow center line into the path of the on-coming red Ford Ranger pickup. The driver of the Ford Ranger pickup steered to the right to avoid the Honda, but was unable to avoid the collision. The Honda was struck in the right side by the front of the pickup.

The passenger in the Honda, a 21 year old female from Carson City, was pronounced dead at the scene. Her name is not being released at this time. The driver of the Honda, a 23 year old male from Carson City, was airlifted to Renown Regional Medical Center. The driver and passenger in the Ford Ranger pickup, both from Carson City, were transported to Carson Tahoe Hospital by ground ambulance.

Preliminary investigation reveals that alcohol may have been a factor in this crash.

The eastbound travel lane on Highway 50, where the crash occurred, was closed due to the accident. The Nevada Department of Transportation assisted the NHP with the closure and traffic control. Traffic was being routed around the accident to accommodate traffic.

The Major Accident Investigation Team (M.A.I.T.) will be conducting the investigation and witnesses, or anyone with additional information, is encouraged to call Trooper Eric Gallagher at (775) 689-4661 regarding case # NHP-201103180157.

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