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### **Media Release**

## **Fatal Hit and Run on US95 Southbound Just North of Tropicana**

Saturday June 25th, 2011 at approximately 0722hrs (7:22am), a green Ford Windstar van struck a pedestrian on the right shoulder of US95 near Tropicana resulting in the death of the pedestrian. The driver of the van fled the scene and was later located and arrested.

Preliminary investigation indicates a green Ford Windstar van was traveling south on US95 in the #3 travel lane just north of Tropicana Ave. The driver of the van 32 year old Ricardo Cruz-Urquiza swerved onto the right shoulder to avoid a stopped vehicle in the #3 lane from a previous collision. 47 year old Lorena Aceves was standing on the right paved shoulder and was struck by the van and thrown into the #3 travel lane. The van fled the scene traveling south on US95.

Lorena Aceves succumbed to the injuries she sustained in the crash and was pronounced dead at Sunrise Hospital on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 0816 hrs, by Dr. Chock.

32 year old Ricardo Cruz-Urquiza was followed from the crash scene by a witness and was stopped by the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police near Russell and Landing Strip where he was arrested.

**\*\*Please remind the public that seatbelts saves lives! Buckle up!!**

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