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Fernley Man Sustained Minor Injuries in Vehicle Rollover Crash on I-80 near Vista Blvd

On Friday, October 21, 2011 at approximately 7:51 am, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a single vehicle rollover crash on the westbound on-ramp from Vista Blvd in Sparks.

The sequence of events to this crash began when 65-year-old William R. Sires of Fernley, who was traveling westbound on Interstate 80 approaching the Vista Blvd overpass, allowed his green 1998 Toyota Tacoma pickup to veer toward the left or inside shoulder of the freeway.

The pickup departed the roadway edge and struck a metal reflector post when Mr. Sires over-corrected the pickup's steering to the right. The vehicle skidded across both west bound lanes and then rolled before coming to rest on its left side in the center of the Vista Blvd westbound on-ramp. No other vehicles were involved in this accident.

Fire department personnel from the Sparks Fire Department arrived at the scene and had to extricate Mr. Sires from his vehicle. He was wearing a seat belt and it appears the injuries he sustained were only minor in nature. He was transported to Renown Regional Medical Center via ground ambulance and REMSA personnel.

The on-ramp was closed for just over one hour while public safety personnel contained the crash scene and ensured a safe recovery and removal of the flipped over pickup. Temporary traffic control was provided by the Sparks Police Department and personnel from the Nevada Department Transportation to include the Freeway Service Patrol.

The onramp was re-opened at around 9:10 am.

A Photo of the scene is attached.



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