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Investigation Continues with Yesterday's Head-On Collision on US Highway 50 near Glenbrook

On Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at approximately 10:48 am, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a head-on collision on US Highway 50 near Glenbrook in Douglas County. The investigation so far indicates that a black 2011 Dodge Avenger 4-door sedan, driven by 49-year-old Gregory Brewer of South Lake Tahoe, California, was traveling eastbound on Highway 50 in the left or number one travel lane. Traveling westbound in the opposing left lane was a commercial motor vehicle box van being driven by 43-year-old Marcus E. Freemyer of Reno.

For reasons still being investigated, Mr. Brewer allowed his vehicle to cross the doubleyellow line and into the lane of the big truck. The front of the Dodge sedan struck the left side of the truck causing significant damage to both vehicles. Mr. Brewer sustained a serious leg injury and was transported to Renown Regional Medical Center in Reno. He is listed in stable condition this morning. Mr. Freemyer sustained claimed injuries from the crash and was treated at the scene and was not transported to the hospital. The crash initially had all 4 lanes blocked. Two lanes were re-opened at around 11:20 am and the entire roadway was re-opened just after 3:00 pm.

Driver inattention appears to be a contributing factor as to why Mr. Brewer failed to stay in his travel lane. As a safety reminder to all motorists, especially when traveling on multiple-lane highways separated by only double-yellow painted lines, try and refrain from driving in the inside lane and utilize it for passing other slower moving traffic. Whenever we can create any distance from opposing traffic, we increase our safety by minimizing the chances of such a collision with an opposing vehicle if another motorist allows his or her vehicle to wander just a slight amount. Drivers can also reduce their chances of such an unplanned event by minimizing their distractions and focusing on their driving at all times.

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