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Media Release

Lehi Utah Woman Killed in a Single Vehicle Roll-Over Crash in Central Nevada

On Sunday, November 27, 2011, at approximately 4:15 pm, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol were dispatched to a single vehicle roll-over crash on Interstate 80 approximately 9 miles west of Battle Mountain.

The preliminary crash investigation details reveal a Chevrolet Tahoe was traveling eastbound on IR80 and overturned. Pianola Finau, age 19, of Lehi, Utah allowed the vehicle to drift into the median. The vehicle continued eastbound in the median for a short distance. Ms. Finau swerved to the right in an attempt to regain the travel lane which caused the vehicle to rotate clockwise and overturn. The vehicle came to rest on its left side on the left shoulder of the eastbound lanes of IR80.

The rear passenger, Ravena M. Finau, age 47 of Lehi Utah, who was unrestrained, was ejected as the vehicle overturned. Ravena M. Finau suffered fatal injuries and died at the scene. The right front passenger, Heilele Finau, age 26 of Lehi Utah, was also unrestrained, sustained critical injuries.

Pianola Finau, who was restrained, sustained moderate injuries. Heilele Finau and Pianola Finau were transported to Battle Mountain General Hospital by Battle Mountain Ambulance. Heilele was transferred to Renown Medical Center in Reno, Nevada.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Highway Patrol at (775) 753-1111

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