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Media Advisory

Major Accident Investigation Team Responds to Head-on Fatality Crash near Hawthorne

On September 11th, 2011, at approximately 7:40 am, troopers from the Nevada Highway Patrol responded to a head-on collision on US Highway 95 near mile marker 56, just north of Hawthorne.

The details in that event indicate a white 1990 Ford F-150 pickup, towing a single axle U-Haul utility trailer loaded with shop equipment and mechanic's tools, was traveling southbound on the two-lane highway. Traveling north was an 18-wheeled commercial motor vehicle comprised of a red 2008 Volvo tractor pulling an enclosed trailer transporting dog and cat food products.

For reasons still being investigated, the driver of the F-150 pickup, 51-year-old Larry W. Kilburn of Sutherlin, Oregon, allowed his vehicle to travel slightly into the opposing lane where it entered the path of the northbound big rig. Both vehicles made contact with each other with their left front end portions. After the vehicles collided, the pick-up and utility trailer remained attached; however, they spun around and came to rest blocking the northbound travel lane. The commercial motor vehicle continued north and came to rest with significant front end damage and was blocking both travel lanes. The big-rig was driven by 61-year-old Gary G. Campbell of Las Vegas.

Mr. Kilburn sustained fatal injuries in the crash and was pronounced deceased at the scene while Mr. Campbell was not injured. The accident is being investigated by the Major Accident Investigation Team and any witnesses are encouraged to contact Sgt Scott Farmer @ (775) 689-4614 regarding accident # NHP-110911727.

Although personnel at the crash scene worked quickly as possible to re-open the blocked roadway, the two-lane highway was closed for nearly 7 hours while crews worked to clear the debris scattered from the collision and recover and remove the involved vehicles.



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